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The Runic Wheel of the Germanic Gods

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HERE AT LAST!

It's been awhile since the last *Pagan Revival*. The delay was due to the fact that nearly no one bought a sub to P.R. and I'm basically the magazine's support system. When I have money problems, there's no one else to support the zine. This is how the "movement" works. Or more correctly, does not work.

I was waiting to get enough in my checking account to put #43 out professional, but this is taking too long. So I may just photo copy #43. This will save me greatly. I might mix publishing *Pagan Revival* professionally and the Kino way until I get enough subscribers to make my losses more bearable. Sub are 192 pages or 4 issues— more or less for \$20. I'm doing this by myself, so I can't keep a deadline. So bear with me, or help me, or shut the fuck up.

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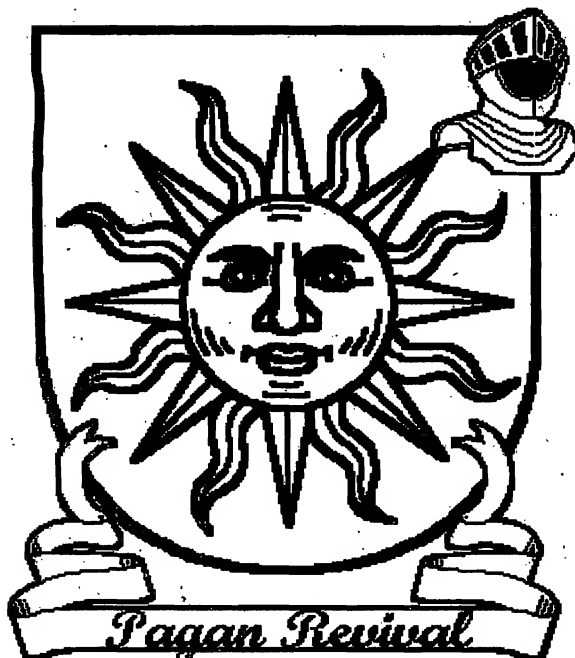
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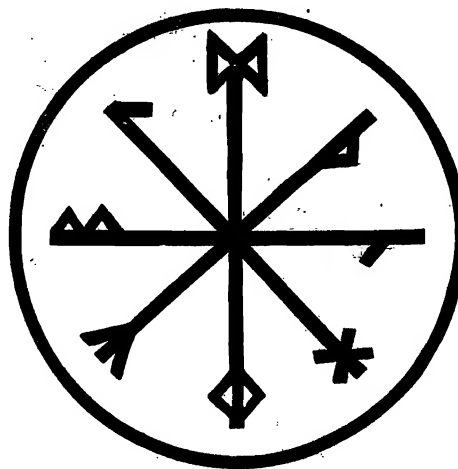
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The top of the shield is the dag rune which is used for mid-summer normally June 21, followed by the thorn rune for Hlafnesse or Loaf mass normally Aug 1, Ken rune for Fall Equinox normally Sept. 23, Hagal rune for Samhain Nov. 1, the Jera rune for Yule normally Dec. 21, the Elhaz rune for Winter's Pasting normally Feb. 1-2, the Beorc rune for Ostara normally March 23, the Lagu rune for Beltane May 1.

LETTERS

If you don't want your letters published, say so in each letter.

If you do want your full name and/or address published, say so in your letter.

Other wise, only the first name and state or nation (if not American) will be used to I.D. the writer.

Pagan Revival may editor your letters if they are too long, too private, or too full of gossip. Where letters are edited I'll try to use an eclipse (....).

Wyatt:

....
I've been doing a lot of reading and studying. I stated in an earlier letter that although I am not a necessarily an atheist, I do not hold any type of supernatural beliefs. I understand your position on Odinism. I respect Odinism for its symbolism and what it did for our ancestors.

In P.R. #42, you wrote a piece called, *Why the Vikings Were Powerful*. I really enjoyed that article, especially the comparison between the Viking youth and today's degenerate White youth.

Recently, I was watching a documentary on early man. The program covered the Neanderthals, Cro-Magnons, etc. One thing I found interesting was how primitive man was superior, physically speaking, to modern man. The average American is very sedentary, while at the same time, they consume large amounts of high calorie, fatty foods. Instead of exercising, they sit in front of the idiot box.

The highest paying jobs, today, are to be found in the medical, technological, and law fields. All of these professions require little physical work. This over time encourages physical de-evolution of the species. If you don't use it, you lose it. That's the way the body works.

One of the most common arguments in the race movement is that the White race created many of the great civilizations of the world. This is, of course, is true, however, I feel that we have, also, paid a tremendous price for these civilizations. Americans, especially, White Americans, are far too dependent on technology in their daily lives. I'm not saying that technology is a bad thing, I'm just saying that we have grown far too distant from nature. Civilization can be a great thing, but it always has had many drawbacks.

One problem that I have with Klassen's Church of the Creator's (C.O.T.C.) platform is their idea of racial socialism. Klassen points out that White civilization is like a bee hive. Every individual does their part to keep the hive running smoothly. While parts of this may sound good, even in an all-White nation, I don't want to be one of the worker bees. I believe in freedom, and in an Aryan state, that freedom should be maximized.

I've been reading about how the Vikings viewed the importance of the individual. It's, also, interesting how the Vikings viewed women, a far cry from the Dark Ages of Christian dictatorship and today's lesbian feminists who preach, "All men are scum." It's, also, interesting that the Vikings were in favor of polygamy, and I believe people should have the right to make these kinds of choices in a homogeneous society.

You, also, mentioned that the Viking youth participated in run-

ning, jumping, and wrestling. I practice wrestling, boxing, as well as running and weightlifting, and I'd advise those of like mind to do the same. Also the practice of weapons. Guns, knives are good, and any type of archery.... Jon. of Tennessee

Brother Jon:

On individualism in the Viking Age: Yes and no. Compared to the Christian Iron Heel of the day, the Vikings were anarchists. Compared to the Slacker M-TV culture of today, the Viking Age was a police state. Asatru societies had no use for lazy people. Most modern White people think kicking back and free loading off of other people makes them an individualist. Most White people see self-centeredness as individualism. Asatru societies were based on a clan or tribal network which ran under a caste system that in turn was governed by a warrior aristocracy. This was the same type of system that the high cultured North American Indians, the ancient Japanese, the ancient Chinese, among other peoples, were governed by. If you want to know about how ancient Aryan societies ran, go to your local video store, find the foreign film section, and rent almost any movie about Japanese or Chinese society before they were poisoned by Western Christianity, capitalism, and Marxism. The nearest to the Germanic tradition is the Japanese culture. If you want to know what an Asatru society would be like just picture a pre-1900 Japan filled with healthy White people.

On freedom: in a true Aryan society, people should have the freedom to prove they are better than the average slob. Equality and political correctness enslaves us to the bottom of the scum pond, and we are forced to be equal with human waste. Socialism and equality fucked up Russia. No one was free to reach for greatness and the whole of Russia dropped to one of the lowest standards of living for any modern developed nation. Capitalism has many things wrong with it; number one being none of us are rich capitalists. However, I could not live under the equality of the bee hive which socialism promises. Like I said before, I am an anarchist at heart, but I know people are too lazy to make anarchy work, so the only realistic system is a meritocracy where the best people would be at the top of the heap (the Jarls). These great White women and men would live under capitalism and near anarchy and would be pretty much free to do what they damn well pleased as long as they don't betray the Troth. The middle section would be for the White people who aren't out right traitors but were too stupid, lazy or gutless to openly support the resistance (the Karls). These people would live under a socialist welfare state or serfdom where they'd have plenty to eat, and the state would provide for their needs from womb to tomb, but they'd have little freedom. Finally, at the bottom of the social order would be the criminal caste. White people who were openly against the survive of the White race and other hate criminals. Everyone who does not love the White race is a hate criminal. Hate: there ought to be a law against it! The very first act any Aryan revolution must perform is to enforce all existing hate crime laws. If no hate laws exists, we must create them. We must show no tolerance for hate. We must fill the world with love for White people. We need a world free of hate speech, hate thought, hate literature, hate assembly, and so on. The left wants to create a 1984 world where hate thought crimes are the main concern of Big Brother. We will give them that world. The only difference being is we'll get to define the term hate. These slaves who show no love for the White and hate the idea of an all White homeland will have the freedom to live under a Communist dictatorship of the proletariat or Thralldom which will control their every move. A true universal brotherhood where the shit of the White race live under total equality and slavery until they get

their shit together enough to rise above the cesspool. Communism and Thralldom are the just rewards for people who hate Aryanism and greatness. Hell, the White haters may think they are in heaven, marching to the coal mines in a labor brigand, chanting revolutionary slogans of equality and proletariat struggle, and all dressed up in their revolutionary socialist slave uniforms. One man's heaven is another man's hell.

On women: yes, the Aryan view of women is more natural than the women hating of Christianity and the men hating of feminism.

On polygamy: yes, all pre-Christian North European people allowed both monogamy and polygamy to be practiced. I can't recall the Greeks nor Romans having any anti-polygamy laws. In fact, the Romans were famous for having drunken sex orgies and all-you-can-eat buffets in honor of the Gods. But what was more interesting was the practice of family, clan, fraternity, and tribal marriages. This was where every man in the group was marriage to every woman in the group. The Wiccans call this Pan-Fidelity. Loving More magazine, P.O. Box 4358, Boulder, Co 80306 calls it either polyamory or polyfidelity. However, I dislike all three of these terms for they all imply "swinging" more than marriage. I looked in the Oxford dictionary, and they define polygamy as meaning "to marry many spouses." Polyandry is where a woman has many husbands and polygyny is the type of polygamy where a man has many wives, but I can't find the word for group or collective marriage.

Polygamy may be the only thing that can save us. About 70-80% of the so called movement is male. Instead of skinheads cruising the streets for some faggot to beat up, would it not be better if they cruised the streets for nooky? Why does everyone want to get in a fight? We need more White babies. No one is having White kids any more. Killing one more faggot or non-White will not help the White race survive, but it will most likely get you busted. On the other hand, if some one fathers or mothers one more White baby, then this kid could be the one who grows up and leads the Folk out of this mess. Look at all these skinhead crews which have a room full of male members, but not one female. None of them seem to even try to get women; they just play with their guns all day. A girlfriend-less group of White guys who dream of the day they can whip out their guns and shovel them inside a queer's mouth: what else do you need to say about a lot of these groups.

A few years back, I was surfing the net on a skinhead link. I couldn't help but notice that most of the photos showed young men without shirts, but not one web site ever showed a woman topless. I had to double check to make sure I didn't get on a gay skinhead link by mistake, but, sadly, I was on a White racial link.

We can't save the Folk if the majority of our recruits are under-employed losers who can't keep a woman.

Collective marriages are workable for us, but at first, we'll need to start out with polyandry relationships with one wife and many husbands. With collective marriages, the tribe, clan, or kindred keeps growing with the birth of each child and the adding of new co-wives and co-husbands. The more husbands and wives the collective has the more White children they can support. Old people can marry in the tribe and help out with the kids. The collective can buy large plots of land as the Mennonite do and create their own small town. Of course, this whole train of thought demands we stop thinking of ourselves as individuals and start thinking of ourselves as part of a clan or tribe. In olden days, the clan or tribe was always above the individual.

Tribal marriages increase the birth rate because if one husband has a low sperm count, chances are another husband will have a higher count. Of course, this will only work if people free their minds from the Jewish-Christian sexual view. Also, one of the big-

gest reasons some White males get involved with this Loser Fest we jokingly call a movement is because they are sexual dysfunctional with women.

Since most White 20 something males are 1/30th of a normal man, any polyandry relationship would have to be started with 30 White "men" and one White woman.

If 30 White guys, working together aren't even man enough to satisfy ONE woman, then perhaps it's time for our people to die.

I have a friend who is a real pussy magnet. He can walk into a room full of women, and the whole room lights up. I mean women love him. His problem is he will never father a child because he can't keep a job more than a few months.

I have another friend who is just the opposite. He is a great provider. He has a well paying job, but he will never be a father because he can't click with females. Together they could make one normal man. Alone they will never father any Aryan kids, but together, working as co-husbands, the pussy magnet can find the women, and the worker husband could work to pay the rent. This way the three of them could be an Aryan family, something the two males will never have on their own. Take a good hard look at the so called movement. Don't you think that the polyandry plan would work? Expect some groups don't have even an ounce of manhood among themselves. I know a few Hollywood Nazi groups where if you took a few 100 of their male members and melted them all together you could come up with a really butch dyke.

White men, what a castrated lot!

Polygyny may work in the future. However, right now, many people in our race can't even make monogamy work. If the fucked up White male can't keep even one woman, how can he keep many women? Isn't the new scientific name for the modern White male: homo-failure-us?

A few people in the race movement have already pulled off or can pull off polygyny in the future, but these White men are few and far in between. Mostly, only non-White males are man enough to have more than one wife. Your average 20 something White male spends most of his time locked up in his mother's bathroom, jerking off to People magazine, while the black men are cruising the dance clubs for White women.

Once, the White race was the greatest race the world had ever seen, but we allowed our kind to be drug down to the point where White people are the joke of the world. The White race is like a little rich geek kid and all the bigger kids on the playground know he is an easy mark. If you want something, just take it from the rich White sissy. Is this not our relationship with non-Whites? The average White male is a castrated weakling. The average White female is a hooker who will sale herself to the man with the most money. The Age of Homo-Failure-Us has arrived!

I do have more to say about this topic, but when ever I talk about sex and the ball-less White man of today; it drags me down.

The White race has fallen into an abyss and they are happy with their forthcoming destruction.

On atheism: I was born into Christianity, albeit, I never felt comfortable about this strange, middle eastern cult, and I became an atheist around the age of seven. The problem with atheism is that it is a negative philosophy. An atheist is not for anything, just against. Positive movements are easy to belong to and their followers stick with the movement, usually, for the rest of their lives. Negatives are a real downer and the burn out rate is high. Also, the suicide rate is higher in negative movements. Happy people tend not to kill themselves.

The three biggest problems of the blight race movement maybe unrealistic optimism, negativity and slothfulness.

National Socialism appealed to the masses because the N.S. people ran social programs **before they took power** as the Nation of Islam does now in the black community and most Jewish organizations do in their community. What we are going to do "once we take power" is fairy tale horse shit. What we do **before** "we take power" is what makes people join a movement.

According to Wyatt's Essential Dictionary, slothfulness is the act of being a lazy motherfucker.

I think all three of these ideas are connected. People expect too much from the movement, they are too lazy and too cheap to help build the movement, then when the movement does not magically build itself, they get really down and drop out.

Negativity can be solved, mostly, by religion. The blight movement is against many things and for nothing. It's against capitalism, against communism, against liberalism, against middle class socialism, against the left, against the right, against the center, against race mixing, against abortions, hell, some in the movement are even against Hitler and the Third Reich as a role model. What is the blight race movement for? An all blight wasteland? But what do we really do about it? Nothing but whine how unfair it is. How hopeless it is. I can't go to blight racial meets any more because the White utopian slackers' negative energy burns me out. Is there anything worse than depressed lazy people who dream of paradise? Is this not the White power movement in a nut shell; a pack of penny pinching lard asses who dream of White victory but are really depressed because no one is handing it to them on a silver platter.

I am a builder. I like to create things. 90% of the so called movement aren't builders. Hell, they aren't even destroyers. They are just watchers.

A race meeting is just a bunch of lazy people who wouldn't know activism if it slapped them in the face, sitting on their lazy asses, feeding their faces, and crying about how hopeless the future is.

The race movement is so negative that most people burn out after a few years and many are too turned off by its never ending do-nothing life style and downer message to even check it out.

The movement once had mass appeal. Now, it doesn't. Why is this? The pat answer is that the Jews have everything all wrapped up. Is this really why? Or is it that the movement today is so negative that the majority of people it attracts are negative people who are not builders, not even destroyers, but free loaders. Less than 10% of the people in the so called movement are builders. Nega-

tive movements attract negative people; positive movements attract positive people.

For example, the Klan in the 1920s had an apex of 5,000,000 due paying members. Why? The Klan had a very positive message. They were for Christianity and the Family. Unlike the Hollywood stereotype, in the '20s, the Klan's main activity wasn't lynching Negroes, but building a political power base in order to create a strong, Christian nation. The Klan wasn't against abortion as much as it was for saving children. They had their own orphanages, so poor, young, White women, didn't have to abortion their children. Today, what does the Blight movement do now to save White children? Nothing. We just bitch about there not being enough White children. The movement is against not having White children, which is a negative, however, it does nothing to help White women have, raise, and support White children: a positive. There are no support networks for White families because the movement is too lazy to create them. The non-White races have support networks for their families because the Nation of Islam, the Latino community, the ADL, and so on, creates them. The movement loves to whine about there being no support from the White community, but will do nothing to create the support. Lazy people love to be negative, because being positive will lead to work. A positive movement is an activist movement filled with positive projects which require labor. A negative movement is free to kick back, bitch, and get depressed. Has there ever been a more kicked back and depressed movement than the fucking blight movement? The Black Panther Party won a great deal of support FROM the Black community BECAUSE they gave support TO the Black community. The Panthers saw that there was a lack of medical services in their communities so they got off their lazy asses and created free clinics. If someone in the blight movement sees a problem in the White community, no one does anything about it because that would require labor, instead, they get piss off at the Jews for causing the problem, because that doesn't require any work. The movement loves to bitch about how fucked things are, but actually getting up off its lard ass and creating some answers is just too much work! Instead of WORK WILL MAKE YOU FREE, our new slogan is WORK: IT'S FOR THE OTHER GUY!

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The social programs a movement runs before they take power is the foundation in which they build their base to take power.

The blight movement has no social programs to reach out to the community in which to build any type of foundation.

Instead, we have meetings where freaks, creeps, crackpots, drunks, flakes, closet queers, social misfits, and grown men who still live with their fucking parents can come together and socialize with their fellow losers. Everybody yell, "White Power!"

Most movement people believe that we can't help the White race survive until we take power, so they sit on their worthless asses and watch the White race die, whilst waiting for the great Peter Pan in Jack Boots to lead them to Never-Never-Land.

When I was an atheist, I believed there was no magic in life. Mankind was just a freak accident of nature and had no purpose in life. All life was meaningless. If the Earth came to an end, it would not matter for the Earth had no reason to exist. Everything was a huge accident. There were no Gods, no super natural. No Spooks in the Sky When You No Die, as Ben Klassen use to say before he got really depressed and killed himself. No afterlife. No purpose to

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the universe. People are born, they suffer through life, then they die. *That's all there was to life. Life's a bitch, then you die.* Atheism is a real downer. Atheism caused Ben Klassen's suicide.

One day, when I was either 10 or 11, I got to using my atheist worldview to sum up life. My atheistic thinking went like this: William Shakespeare was a great man and has been loved by 100s of millions of people for over three centuries. I am not great and no one will remember me five minutes after I am dead. William Shakespeare's plays will, most likely, live on until the end of mankind. However, William Shakespeare is dead. He died in 1616. Atheism teaches there is no afterlife. So Shakespeare isn't drunk as a monkey up in Valhalla, looking down on mankind and tripping out on how everyone has loved his work all these years. Shakespeare's greatness, his fame, his success, doesn't mean shit to the Great Bard now, because his life is over and he has no knowledge of the present. To take atheist thought one step further, Shakespeare had a wonderful life. He had great memories. He experienced joy most people only dream about. The masses loved him. The Queen of England adored him. Women threw themselves at him. What must it felt like to be Shakespeare on open night of *McBeth*, *King Lear*, *Henry V...* to hear people cheering your name and have all of England praise you as a gift from the Gods. Shakespeare's life was far better than any of our lives could hope to be. Except one day the Bard died. They lowered his cold, dead body into the ground and worms and maggots ate his flesh and shit him out. Since there is no afterlife, no living memory of one's own existence once you die, William Shakespeare's existence disappeared in the empty abyss of worm shit. To not be aware of one's own existence is no better than never existing at all. Nevertheless, Shakespeare's plays live on. Unlike the rest of us, people will remember the Bard's life until the end of mankind. This itself is a type of immortality some people will argue, albeit an immortality in which the individual "immortal" is completely unaware. I agree, people will be reading the Bard long after we are all dead and forgotten. Unfortunately, atheists tell us that the Earth will not live forever, and the universe itself will one day die. Someday, maybe tomorrow, maybe billions of years from now, no one really knows for sure, the sun, our nearest star, will Super Nova as all stars sooner or later do. On this day, the sun will grow hotter than it normally is, and its core will explode, sending white hot mass far past the planet Plato. The sun's mass will be far more than a million degrees. The Earth and all the other planets within our solar system will be torn apart from this giant eruption. Everything on the Earth will be melted down to lava vapor (the heat will be so great that all mass will be turned into gas) and the outward force from the sun's

explosion will throw what remains of the Earth past Plato. Once the force loses its momentum, the velocity of the Super Nova will be so great that it will create a vacuum in space. This vacuum will cause, not an explosion, but an implosion. This implosion will cause all the matter in our solar to suck back to the spot where the sun's center use to be. The implosion created by this vacuum will be so great that it will cause the atoms of the solar mass to cave in on themselves. This caving in of the atoms upon themselves will concentrate our solar system's mass so tightly that the gravitational pull of this mass will suck in everything which comes near it and mash its atoms in. The gravity will be so strong that it will even suck in light beams and not allow them to escape. This is called a black hole. One day, every star in the universe will Super Nova and create a black hole. When this happens, billions and billions of black holes with super gravitational pull will start pulling towards each other, until they create a giant vacuum which will cause the universe to implode on itself. This will be kind of like a backwards Big Bang, that will suck all matter in the universe back home from where it came. This will be the end of a cycle, or perhaps the beginning of a new cycle.

William Shakespeare was a great man. His writing will live until the end of mankind. One day the universe will implode. All memories of Shakespeare will disappear in a cloud of gas vapor as if he never existed. All of Shakespeare's hard work was for nothing. With out an afterlife, the Bard's life was meaningless. I am not a great man. If the lives of great men and women are meaningless, why should someone like me even get out of bed in the morning? Atheism makes the world a very hopeless place. Because of atheism, at age 10 or 11, I was already convince life was meaningless and there was no reason to live. At age 10 or 11, I was even thinking about pulling a Ben Klassen, because of fucking atheism. Why suffer through life if life is meaningless? Far more bad things happen to most people than do good. Is there an afterlife? Are there "Spooks In The Sky When You Die?" If there is no afterlife, as Ben Klassen claimed, (before the atheistic COTC philosophy caused Klassen to get so depressed that he killed himself) then, to prevent people from getting bummed out and pulling a Ben Klassen, should we not make up an afterlife story, in order to save lives by giving hope to the Ben Klassens of this world? Every race, every culture known to have existed had a religion to give hope to their people. All religions teach of an afterlife better than this fucked up mess. Hope is good. Despair is bad. The only things which are true are those things that help the Folk. Any thing that hurts the Folk is false. Wyatt

Pagan Revival:

I'm writing you, unfortunately, from behind bars. I got your address from a comrade of mine, he didn't have the time to write, so I thought I would. Since my incarceration I've been doing all I can to open and expand my mind. All in order to stay strong and true to my race. In my journey I've been trying to read as much as I can about Norse religion and Celtic religion, which in turn lead me to reading a lot about Paganism and Celtic Shamanism. As it stands, I'm trying to find some books on Wotanism, "Creed Of Iron" I hear is a good one to read, and plan to order as soon as I have the money. Are there any books you could recommend and if so, where could I get them. I know you put out a zine, but I don't have any money to send you, but I was hoping to get a back issue. I have some stamps I can send. Thanks, Richard Moore #J-32739

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Brother Richard:

Years ago, when I was a pipe inspector in the oilfields, I was sent to a pipe yard in Coalinga to inspect some casing and drill pipe. You are better off being there in prison than in that god awful arm pit of a town. Coalinga is like a tiny Bakersfield, but without the high culture of Buck Owens and the Buck-o-rews.

No matter how fucked up our lives are: we just tested positive for AIDS, or were sentenced to life for a crime we didn't commit, or our daughter just died in a car wreck, we should be thankful we don't live in the Coalinga.

There are many books on Wotanism. I'll send you a back issue of P.R. which has a list of books on Asatru and Runes. So many people are asking the same questions, I need to make pamphlets so I don't end up answering the same questions:

If you don't have money, write something on Celtic shamanism or what ever you have been studying. I've never read "Creed of Iron", review it for Pagan Revival. Wyatt

Pagan Revival,

I'm a 24 year old, White man and locked up for two years in a state prison in Pennsylvania. I max out on 6-12-2000. I'm seeking correspondence with over Aryans, for there's not many of us in here. 3/4 of this jail is black. The few Whites here are too scared to be White. I am very proud and need contact with others who are proud. Please write back. Thank you.

Dave P. Smith, Du-0854/e-b-33
10745, Route 18
Albion, PA 16475-0002

Brother Dave,

I'm putting your address in P.R. I don't have the time to correspond with any one. I'm very behind in putting out P.R. so most of my spare time will be spent on the zine. Don't try to organize Aryan Brotherhood type groups in prison. The prison staff are worried about race riots in their prison, we should understand their fears because it benefits us. Organize Pagan Study groups. Runic

Study groups. Go to the library and find books on history, religion, culture, computers, Wall St., marriage, cars, law, etc. All topics relate to the New Paganism. Whites who are not into the race question may be into other subjects. We should never deny what we are, however, the New Paganism is so complex that we have the freedom to talk about other subject which relate to the Pagan Revival.

Wyatt

Bro,

I like your zine a lot. What's your email address. I just got out of Cumming's Valley. I am going to be in San Diego soon. Let's hook up! I'd like to come over to your place and hang out. I want to listen to your tunes. I was wondering if I could crash at your pad for awhile to save on motel bills. I could sleep on your floor for awhile until I get my shit together....

Keep it real, Scott

Dearest Bro:

Despite how much I'd love to have a total stranger sleep on my floor whilst he gets his shit together, especially a total stranger who just got out of a prison. I have to decline your generous offer. Firstly, I don't have a pad. I travel with my job. The company I work for pays for my lodging. Seven days a week. 365 days a year. I live in what ever town they tell me to move to and what ever state. I've had five minutes notice telling me I have to move hundreds of miles away and I should have had all my stuff package yesterday. I've moved seven different times in the last five weeks. It's cool because I don't pay any rent, I have few bills, and I see a lot of country, but the bad thing is my life is never ending chaos. I work, I sleep, and I pack, I unpack, then I re-pack my belongs. This is what 90% of my life is made up of. I work 15 1/2 hours a day. Seven days a week. If I am lucky, I get two days off a year. I have no time to hang out with people much. I don't have email, because I don't live any where and phone lines need some place to be hooked up to, and I don't own a laptop. I'm trying to work it out with a friend if she could run an email account for me. Maybe through her I can get a website for Pagan Revival. I own a lot of Pagan books that have been out of print for years which I'd like to put up on the internet.

Secondly, even if I had a place, I wouldn't let a total stranger sleep on my floor.

Is Cumming's Valley a real prison or is that a joke name?

Wyatt

Kaldenberg,

I disagree with what you said about **The Turner Diaries** in issue #42 on page 36. You said we should stop reading the "revolutionary fantasy" novel **The Turner Diaries** and start reading the Wall St. Journal. What right wing non-sense! You claimed ... "Even successful bank robbers get busted." No, Kaldenberg, only unsuccessful bank robbers get busted! " (While) a person investing \$2,000 a year in common stock for 20 years will have a 81% chance of becoming rich..."

First, where did you get this "81% chance"? Investing in the stock market is about as reliable as betting on horse races. In 20 years? My God! We don't have 20 years. **The Turner Diaries** clearly outlines our correct path of action. Robbing banks works! Terror works! And it doesn't take no God damn 20 years! You just walk right in, pull out your piece, and in seconds, you're holding the cash. Revolution is that easy, Kaldenberg, all it takes is one gun and **A SET OF BALLS!**

Unsigned, No Return Address

Dear Unsigned,

No, DAY TRADING is like gambling. Well researched LONG TERM investing is a great way to make money. The 81% chance of being rich idea comes from James O'Shaughnessy's books What Works on Wall Street and How to Retire Rich. He was given a grant to study the database of Wall Street in order to find if there were any patterns in the market. He found that people who day trade lose more often than they gain. However, he found several long term patterns that people could follow and could turn small amounts into a fortune over a 20 year period. You should read James O'Shaughnessy. Why rob a bank when you can own it? Many people have gone from rags to riches on the stock market. However, you have to do your homework. Investing blindly or day trading is like gambling. Wall Street is a gold mine if you are willing to do the research.

I can't think of one male I hang out with who hasn't done time. Not one of them got rich from breaking the law. I've known my share of people who have done robberies. All of them fucked up their lives and got away with little or no money.

I read in the newspaper a few months ago that only about 4% of bank robberies go unsolved and most bank robbers only carry off about \$200. Why would a bank have a million dollars on hand? Everything is computerized and tellers don't often directly handle money like they did in the Old West. The big take is a Hollywood myth. Prisons and graveyards are full of people who thought they could get rich quick from a gun. I've known many people who got rich in the business world, however, I don't know one person who got rich from a gun. Have a good life and try not to get your face shot off. If you don't get killed, write me when you get to prison. Love, Wyatt

Wyatt,

.... Thanks for issue #41, it was real cool. I do a lot of reading about ancient cultures like Egypt, Rome, Greece, Aztec, and the Middle East, but most of your stuff was completely new to me, considering as stated some consider the Aryan religion the prototypical religion you would think that information on it would be more wide spread. This may seem like a strange question, but I would like to know—are there any children based on the old religion? This not only would spread the message among younger people, but it would also give ignorant people like me a good introduction to Paganism before we get too deep. As a child I was surrounded by Jesus and Old Testament books, and I had an outline of all the stories before I actually read the Scripture or other Christian analyses or history books.

Your views on crime are very similar to mine. I believe in a punishment system based on reparation, corporal, and capital punishment, and I guess slavery can be a form of reparation. The thing, though, is how do you foresee keeping Christianity at bay once Paganism becomes mainstream especially with a slave class; which is the main target of Christianity (and Christianity wants to make everyone a slave). Even Rome succumb to Christianity despite heavy repression. Even if Christians are put into the lowest caste, you said a slave could rise above his caste and become a leader (or Jarl), and there are a lot of hard working Christians. I mean what law or rule will keep a Christian from becoming a leader and allowing a more relaxed attitude towards their religion, that will eventually lead to full re-acceptance?

About Whites in slavery—I remember the story of the children's crusade that occurred in, I believe, 1212. The first of these cru-

“Wicca “Paganism” is left wing fantasy role playing for bored, middle aged house wives who got tired of dressing up and going to Star Trek conventions. Now they dress up and go to “Pagan” gatherings and hang out with other nerds. These clowns would not last five minutes in a true Pagan Age.”

sades came from France and ended in Italy when the children found they could not find ships willing to take them to the “holy” land to fight. The second came from Germany and were not as lucky. When they got to Italy they found men willing to take them, but when they were loaded into the ships they found they were not bound for the “holy” land but instead AFRICA where they were sold into slavery.

I'm not sure who was in control at the time, it could have been the Arabs, but maybe some Whites have some claims against blacks!

Before I go I would like to leave you with a quote I found while reading the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, “The Lord Almighty, God of Hosts, being mindful of His word, hath visited His people with good and holy visitation, to bring down the hearts of the Gentiles who were rising against us, and turn them to Himself.” It is clear from this quote that Jesus even before he was “born” (this quote was spoke by Mary) was a plot to turn the Gentiles into worshipers of the Jewish God not to enlighten the Jews! Tony G, PA

Brother Tony:

There are many children's books which deal with Greek and Norse Paganism, not as a religion, but as myths and fairy tales. I can't recall seeing any children's books on Roman Paganism, nor on Mithraism, nor other forms of Aryan Paganism. These children books all are written by outsiders. The Asatru Free (now Folk) Assembly made an audio tape of the Odinist religion for children which was very good. They may still sell it.

You're right about the importance of children books. I was born into a Christian family. From birth my father indoctrinated me into the Cult of the Dead Jew Fagot on a Stick. He did this by reading religious bed time stories to me. He read from the King James bible and the Book of Mormon, but these boring books just put me to sleep. He, also, read from a children's bible story book and a children's version of the Book of Mormon. I think I wouldn't have understood Christian mythology until I was much older if not for the children's books. In fact, I became a Pagan because of these Christian children's book. I remember my father reading the story of Noah's Ark, and there was a picture of the flood and the Ark, taking Noah's family to safety, and the picture, also, showed a Pagan mother holding her baby in her arms, being swept away by the flood, and it showed many other Pagans being drowned. The picture showed animals being drowned too. Noah's Ark taught me that the monotheistic cults worshipped a blood thirsty lunatic. Christian children's books taught me that the god of Israel is a demon. Bible bed times story taught me that the creature the Jews,

Christians, and Muslim call "God" in reality is the true devil, and that which they call the devil is the personification of the living Aryan Gods, for the monotheists have always demonized the living Gods of our people in order to turn our race against their true identity, for once they killed our identity, our people no longer have a sense of right and wrong. White women who have no sense of their true identity will fuck Negroes, White men who bring the fagot Christ into their heart marry Filipino dog eaters: this is why Christianity was invented. We will not save the White race from extinction until will obliterate monotheism and weed its influences from Western culture. It took monotheism 5,000 years to fuck up the White race as badly as it has; it will take a Pagan Cultural Revolution another 5,000 years to rip out the Middle Eastern crab grass from our Folk.

You are, also, right about the danger Christians would pose if they were allowed membership in any place in an Aryan society. On thralldom: slavery is prison without bars. Slaves are free to walk about the Folk. Slavery is a punishment for members of the White race who can be redeemed through service to the Folkish State. We can not make un-redeemable people into slaves for they will poison the Folk just as the Aryans in India killed themselves by making dark people into slaves, how Egypt committed suicide with Negro slavery, and how America killed the White race by bringing black slaves to the West. Christians can never be allowed to live in the West. Christians can denounce the fagot Christ and convert to Paganism, or they have the freedom to go back home to Israel and take the Jews and Muslims with themselves. About Christians being persecuted by Pagans...this is just a Christian myth! The Romans and the Greeks were notoriously liberal towards other religions. Most Romans either welcomed the Christians or ignored them. Even Nero, the "arch villain" in Christ vomit mythology, allowed the Christian's religious freedom every where in the Roman Empire, except within the city limits of Rome, which was the spiritual seat of Roman Paganism. Vatican City, now occupies the sacred center of Jupiter and the other Aryan Gods of Rome. Nero did not start bringing the Jesus pukes to justice until the cocksuckers rioted within Rome's City limits and burnt down every Pagan temple they could find, killed all the Pagan Priestess and Priests, burnt religious books, and, generally, behaved like Christians. If Rome persecuted the pukes as wonderfully as the vomit myth claims, the West would still be Pagan. Even the sexy "throw the Christians to the lions" story has been exaggerated, the Romans, unfortunately, only "martyred" pukes who attacked Pagan people and Pagan religious artifacts. We must learn from the Jews, Christians, and Muslims how to hate. Tolerance has always been the Pagan's down fall. Wyatt

IN PAGAN REVIVAL # 42 ON PAGE 34 SOMETHING APPEARS TO HAVE STUCK TO THE MASTER DURING PRINTING AND CAUSED A HUGE BLANK AREA ON A LETTER BETWEEN JERIMY SNEED AND THE EDITOR OF PR, INSTEAD OF JUST PRINTING THE PART OF THE LETTER WHICH WAS BLANKED OUT, I'M REPRINTING BOTH LETTERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT CONFUSION. WK

Heilsa Wyatt:

Hello! I just received your issue #41 of Pagan Revival and I must say that it is a very crisp and clear magazine. I am enjoying it tremendously. Thanks for your show of support. I particularly liked the short E-mail from Tom Metzger about Christianity. I am fairly new to the Pagan beliefs of our ancestors after being lied to most of my life. I was raised by parents who are Jehovah's Witness', and I am sure you know about that so called faith. Mr. Metzger hit the nail right on the head when he said Christianity is killing off our race. The religion I was raised in promotes the type of mentality that will be the suicide of all White people. They teach the Bible to the point

"Christianity has emptied Valhalla, felled our sacred groves, extirpated our national image as a shameful superstition, as a devilish poison, and given us instead the imagery of a nation whose climate, laws, culture and interests are strange to us, and whose history has no connection whatsoever with our own. A David or a Solomon lives in our popular imagination, but our own country's heroes slumber in learned history books"

George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

of being extremists. When a child is led to believe that weakness, cowardice, and subservience are strong virtues, and the phrases, "Love thy neighbor" and "Turn the other cheek" are foundations of a good life, something has gone wrong. As if that was not enough, they take another step further by making the concepts of pride, strength, honor, and courage into sins that will send you to hell. This is totally ridiculous because it goes against the natural way things have been for centuries longer than the Christian way of thinking.

What's wrong with honor, duty, loyalty, knowledge, pride, control, protection, courage, and strength? But the Christians want to block these attributes from everyone except the Jews. Since I started studying the Pagan religion, religion isn't the right word, so let's say the Pagan way of life, I have had my eyes opened and instantly realized that Odinism was right. I could feel it in my blood! It wasn't alien to me and didn't seem unnatural. That's the whole point, Paganism is based on nature and therefore can not be wrong. I've said my two cents worth now and once again I would like to say thank you for the copy of your magazine.

14 Words, Jerimy Sneed, #052700-030,
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Brother Jerimy:

Pride or self-love is one of the seven deadly sins. A true Christian can not be proud of himself, his family, his race, nor his nation, for as the Bible teaches us, a proud person puts himself above the Jew "god". A good Christian must be lowly, humble, submissive, self-effacing, meek, and remorseful. Pride cometh before a fall, and all of that other self-hating Christian bullshit. Pride is a sin against the god of Israel. When Christian Identity people wear the words: White Pride on their T-shirt they are committing THREE sins against the god of Israel. Sin one: it is a sin to be proud of one's self, and the person wearing the White Pride shirt is proud that he was born White, and Jesus doesn't like that one bit! Walkth the path of humility sayth the Lord! Pride is vanity, and vanity is the devils playpen.

Sin number two: Jesus said that for a Christian to go to heaven

he is to own nothing but the shirt on his back. A Christian can not own a book, a gun, a home, a car, or even more than one T-shirts. For a true Christian MUST turn his back on the material world and devote his life to the spiritual realm. Christians only obey the Bible when it suits them, so most Christian Identity people own a whole closet full of White Pride shirts. This is a sin against the Jew god. For Jesus said that a camel would pass through the eye of a needle before a man of means would get into heaven. Most Identity people own all kinds of things like guns, pick-up trucks, mobile homes, televisions.... The Bible says these objects will keep their souls out of heaven. Don't laugh. Right now hell is full of rednecks who turned their backs on Jesus and bought themselves a pick up truck. You can bet your soul Jesus never owned a pick up truck. Nor a horse, a wagon, not even an extra pair of sandals. When Jesus Christ walked around the country side, teaching people that their vaginas and penises were unclean, he didn't drag a suitcase behind himself with a clean change of underwear. No way! The Messiah only owned one pair of sandals, one robe, and Jesus Christ didn't wear underwear.

Sin number three of wearing a White Pride T-shirt is racism: the ultimate vanity! If the Bible hates individual pride just think how much Yahweh fears and loathes group pride. Nationalism and racism are the deadly sin of pride committed by a vast amount of people. A sin committed by more than one individual is a conspiracy. Racism is racketeering. Yahweh has RICO laws against nationalism and racism.

Racism is the conspiracy to love your own people. Racism elevates the status of one race to Godhood. Jesus Christ knows that the ultimate goal of White racism is to deify the Aryan race, and Yahweh is a jealous god. The Bible says put no other god before me. Any Christian Identity person who puts the White Race First is disobeying the Bible and turning his back on Israel. A true Christian must bow down to the vanity of his Hebrew lord and master. There is only room enough in the universe for Yahweh's ego, so everyone else is forced to hate themselves.

If a Christian puts the White race about his Jew god, then he will burn in hell for all eternity.

If a Christian Identity person puts his Hebrew god before the Folk, then he is a race traitor, because he would rather worship a Jewish fairy tale than his own people.

Christian racism is an oxymoron, because to be true to one god, you must betray the other. Let's be honest. White racism is a god that demands worship. Racism is a religion, and the monotheistic cults, unlike Paganism, don't tolerant other gods.

The thing I hate most about Christian Identity is that they have this mental illness which forces them to hang on to what I call the Jewish teat: Jewish traditions, Jewish laws, Jewish culture, Jewish religion, Jewish literature, Jewish morality, Jewish sex-phobia, Jewish self-hate, and so on.

However, if there is something about the Jew god's word that they don't like they'll spend days, weeks, months, years searching the ancient Jewish text for just one sentence, one quote that will justify their actions. If the Identity people have such low opinions of Yahweh's word, why don't they just trash the old, Jewish Bible and write their own book?

Hell, once, a long, long time ago, some smart Jew did just that with the so called "Holy Bible". Trash the Jew Bible and create an Aryan Bible. This way the Identity folks wouldn't have to waste so much time misinterpreting and down right lying about what the Jewish Bible says. They could just make up the word of Yahweh as they go. It would be a real time saver. Hell, if they would toss out the Jewish book and create a new Bible, why not just toss out the Jewish god Yahweh and build the new religion around an Aryan

God? If the Christian Identity people purged the Jew COMPLETELY from their religious view, then they would be where we are at, wouldn't they? For Christian Identity devoid of everything Jewish is the Pagan Revival.

There is nothing Christian about Christian Identity. Christian Identity is neither Christian nor is it our identity. Christian Identity people are just Pagans who don't have the balls to break away from the Jewish teat.

Christian Identity resembles the Zoroastrian religion more than it does Christianity. White people are so fucked up that we have demonized our native belief system and glorified the fables and mythology of foreigners. We know nothing about the Aryanism of the prophet Zarathustra, but the deranged rants of the termite Jesus devour the structures of our inner self. Christianity is the theology of self-hating.

You grew up in the demented Jehovah's Witness cult? That's worse than my cultist past. At least, my Christ cult allowed me to celebrate the Pagan holidays: Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc. We weren't allowed to drink pop and coffee. You ever noticed that every Christian cult has a different bizarre taboo? God forbid us from drinking soda pop, coffee, and tea. You guys could not go trick or treating. Identity people can't eat pork. The Catholics can't eat red meat on Fridays. The Amish are permanently frozen in the 1800s. And aren't the Southern Baptists forbidden to fart in February? Jesus Christ sure is a fussy little hussy.

The evil, middle eastern cult that tainted my childhood was called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. What a bunch of sex hating Jewophiles!

Christianity has put chains on White history! I had an English teacher who told our class that the ancient Pagan Romans had developed a steam engine which operated an elevator. He said that if the Christians had not destroyed the Roman Empire, the Pagan Romans would have colonized Mars by now. Christianity has put Aryan science back 1,000s of years. Actually, Christianity has killed Aryan science. Now, we don't have a White scientific community, instead we have multi-racial science. Praise Jesus and his cult of universal brotherhood. Thanks to Jesus, soon we won't even have a White race.

Do you guys have a Pagan Study group? If you are interested in learning more about Paganism and starting a Pagan study group, Llewellyn Publications, P.O. Box 64383, Dept. K047-7, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0383, had, I am not sure if they still offer it, a Pagan book loan service to Prisoners. If you put up X amount of dollars to insure the return of the books, usually the price of one book, then they will loan the study group one book at a time. They have many Odinic, Celtic, Roman etc. Pagan books. Some are very good. Don't mention race, for they aren't racial. But if you can get free books, it may be a good deal. Llewellyn books has some Odinic authors worth checking out: Edred Thorson, Ed Finch, Freya Aswynn, and Kveldulfr Gundarsson. Also, they offer a lot of Celtic books too. Another Pagan prison program is The Church of All Worlds Prison Study Group, P.O. Box 8247, Toledo, OH 43605-8247. They are Wiccans, which mean they are just Christians who worship Pagan Gods. However, they may be able to get you materials, free books, etc. These people are not US by any means, but if they can get you free books, etc. they might be worth your time.

Wyatt 14/88

Dear Brother Wyatt:

I have received two issues of *Pagan Revival*, now from brother...., and I think it's time I get a subscription. I like your writing style and no bull attitude. Your last article in *WAR* was great, about the

non-Whites are not going to separate voluntarily, and that the sheeple aren't going with us voluntarily. I, personally, feel the only way to get control of this situation is by force.

I want to tell you briefly some of my thoughts in words and the books that inspired me. They are, The Turner Diaries, Natures Eternal Religion, Mien Kampf, Might Is Right, and Revolution 14 by David Lane. I told....that if I had to classify my religion it would be a Wotanist Creator.

I know that Ben Klassen said that Odinism wouldn't work today because it didn't fight off Christianity then, but there is one aspect of Odinism that can never be expunged from our genes and that is of the Berserker. I have it in my blood and in my thoughts, it rages in me constantly. I know you have it.

So did Joe Paul Franklin. Everyday, it guides my very thoughts, sometimes I think someday I will lose control of this fury which rages inside of me like a pressure cooker. I believe this gene is inside the ones who really love their race and who become outraged daily when they see their people murdered and their children exploited. This is what triggers their genetic memory and only our race has this Berserker fury.

I pray to Wotan that someday before I leave this world, that I will make the Aryan members of my race proud of me like I am of brother Joe Paul Franklin. 1488 D.

Brother D:

I admire your warrior spirit. Courage is the heart of our religion. However, suicide is not a part of the New Paganism. You really don't want to walk in Franklin's shoes. Prison is a harsh way of life. The death sentence is better than life in a cage. A revolutionary must swim in the sea of the people. You can't do a whole lot of swimming in a prison cell. Unless the toilets clog up, which they do often in jail.

Like I've said before, it is more humane to sell someone into slavery than it is to send them to prison. At least slaves have the freedom to walk around outside, have a family, and live a somewhat normal life. Do you honestly want to be put in a cage and be denied the company of women ...forever! You are a young man. What if you live another 80 years. Could you do 80 years in a 6 x 6 cage with who knows how many other inmates? Think about it. You'd be climbing the fucking walls. Reading the Turner Diaries is good escapism, however, if you try to make all that revolutionary fantasy bullshit into reality, you'll pose no real threat to the government. The only thing the fucking Turner Diaries novel is good for is wrecking the lives of young, White Nationalists. What effect has the Turner Diaries had on the world other than taking the best people in the Aryan movement and destroying their lives? America is the strongest super power in the history of the Earth. A handful of people with pipe bombs and converted AR-15s would have the same effect as a grass hopper splattering itself against the windshield of Air Force One. It takes guts to splatter against the windshield of the Presidential aircraft, but how much damage are you really doing to the government?

You can kill an FBI agent, and they will replace him with 100 more. You can kill a 100 Feds and they'll send in 10,000 more. This time backed up by the National Guard. They have unending resources. We have nothing, but our guts to splatter against their windshields. We can't fight the government head on.

When the government killed Bob Mathews, they had 500 Feds shooting at him, and they were dropping fire on him from aircraft. Violence is very romantic, except when you are in the middle of it. Your life is too important to be sacrificed on a battlefield where

victory is impossible. There are so many other fronts we can fight on and win. The gun front just isn't one of them.

I first read the Turner Diaries in 1978. I used to think the Turner Diaries was holy scripture. Now, I think it is just ass wipe. Mad magazine is a better hand guide to revolution than the Turner Diaries.

You're an intelligent young man. You have a great future before you. Read the Wall St Journal. Get a degree in business. Have a large family. There is nothing more revolutionary than for a White man to be than a good Father and husband. We need people who are not afraid to live for the Folk. Sometimes dying in a hail of bullets is easier than living in a society that wants our people dead. *Dying for the White race is easy. Living for our race is a bitch.* America wants the White race dead. Nothing would make this anti-White system happier than if we all died for our cause. I want the White race to out live America.

There is nothing more un-American than to build the White community. The stronger the White community becomes the weaker we make America. America is the cancer of the world. America is universalism. America is the New Zion. The American mission is to turn the world into a giant multi-racial melting pot where mankind will become a Semitic tar baby like Jesus Christ.

You don't build the White community (AKA **kill America**) by getting yourself killed nor caged. Violence works only if you have enough fire power to REALLY hurt your enemy. We have enough fire power to be a minor annoyance. Nothing more! Even Oklahoma City was nothing more than a microscopic nuisance to America's crusade of murdering the White race.

If not violence, then what? Democracy only works for the people who can afford it. 50 companies own both the Republican and Democrat parties. You can demonstrate, go door to door to talk to the sheep, and even if your candidate wins; who will he listen to you or the rich capitalists who sign his checks? The press in America is not free. It is not really left nor right nor even center. It takes its marching orders from the people who sign the checks.

Wall St. does more harm to the White race than any Communist could ever dream. The police who kick our doors down take their orders from the 50 companies who control the Democratic and Republican parties. The U.S. Army is neither pro-White nor anti-White it is merely obeying the orders of those who own the politicians. Who ever controls the Blue Chip companies controls America. Who controls America controls Europe, NATO, and the United Nations. Who controls the United Nations controls the Earth. This is the New World Order.

The power which controls the New World Order is for sell. You can buy a piece of the New World Order over the Internet or through your broker. The greatest, most radical change which has ever happened in Aryan history is that the people who hate the White race got together and invested their money and bought the Aryan economy from our people. The 50 top Blue Chips companies control the Earth. The two most revolutionary things we could do would be (1) to have large families and (2) invest every penny we could in the stock market so we can start buying back our home land. Invest \$20,000 today in the Blue Chips companies and in less than 20 years it will grow to a million dollars. A million dollars is power. Money is power. *There can be no freedom without POWER! There can be no justice without POWER!*

Reading the Turner Diaries and buying \$20,000 worth of guns is a dead end. The \$20,000 worth of guns will either sit in your basement and collect dust, or you will use them and fuck up your life. Why fight the army and the police when we can buy the companies that control them? If the Folk bought back Wall St. we could order the army to fight our enemies and, also, order the po-

lice to enforce our laws and order the news media to spread our truth. This is how democracy works. He who has the money owns the means which control the masses. Democracy is the pimp of the White sheep. The rich are the Johns who pay for the right to fuck the sheep. This is the essence of Democracy. Democracy has a price tag. The puppet masses are controlled by strings, and the springs are bought and sold every day on the stock market. The puppets will never join a revolution, because all puppets need someone to pull their springs. Never debate with or try to recruit a puppet because the masses have no free will. They have never thought for themselves and never will. The only reason nature created the masses was so great women and men could have servants. The thralls obey their masters. Any one who wants to liberate the masses is either a con-artist or an idiot. *Control the means and you control the masses.* This is what the anti-Aryans have done.

America was created by White English people, and other Aryans who assimilated into the English tradition. These English people had forsaken their native religious view of Paganism for the foreign, Jewish cult of the mythical, reformist Rabbi Jesus Christ.

Christianity, like all monotheistic cults, is very intolerant of religious dissent in any form. The Jewish bible is just hate literature against Pagan people. The Old Testament drips with Pagan blood and glorifies genocide and ethnic cleansing of native people's and their religions. The mother of all genocide stories is the Jewish tale of Noah's Ark which celebrates the holocaust where the Jews claim their devil-god murdered all the Pagan men, women, and children on Earth by making it rain forty days and forty nights. The Jews escaped the ethnic cleansing by building an Ark and floating away to safety.

The Old Testament tells us the Jews killed all the first born children in Pagan nations like Egypt, spread diseases among Pagan people, wiped out their corps, destroy their cities, toppled their temples and crushed all Pagan men, women, and children inside, tortured to death all women in power, exterminated entire races, and caused the Pagan world of the middle east to collapse.

Over 90% of the Old Testament has nothing to do with anything spiritual, but is merely bigotry and violence against Pagan people.

The Jews call this hate crime a religion. *Hate: there ought to be a law against it!*

Monotheism, by its very nature is murderous and intolerant, so when the Jews were not out butchering Pagan children, they were killing each other. About 2,000 years ago, there were many Jewish sects which all claimed to be the only true cult of the god of Israel. The Jews' intolerance for each other turned into the Jewish Civil War. Jewish hatred for dissent got so violent that some Jewish elders begged the Pagan Romans to send in troops as peace keepers. Christianity grew out of this period of Jewish civil war. The Christ myth is set in this time period. The New Testament claims the Jewish elders hated the Rabbi Jesus Christ and his distortions of the Jewish cult. The New Testament says the Roman Pagan governor thought Jesus was just a crackpot and ruled he had not broken any Roman laws, but the Jews had many laws against dissent and the Jewish mob yelled, "Crucify him!" The Roman governor tried to talk the Jews out of killing the Rabbi, but finally, he gave in and said he washed his hands of the whole matter, and the conservative Jews killed the reformist Rabbi Jesus Christ. This is the bases for Christians hating Jews.

The Christians turned a nutty Rabbi into a god, and they hate the traditional Jews for killing a liberal Jew. All the early Christians were Jews. Christianity is a Jewish sect. An Aryan Christian Anti-Semite is like a human who wishes he was a car, acts like a car, thinks like a car, but can never be a car, while, at the same time, hates all cars because some cars ran into his favorite car long ago.

In other words, to be an Aryan Christian Anti-Semite, you have to be insane. Aryan Christian Anti-Semites hate all Jews because some Jews killed their favorite Jew.

The kookiness of monotheism spread through out the Roman Empire like brain cancer. Christianity infected enough people to make the Roman Empire collapse. When the hate filled Christians came to power for the first time in history the very first thing these lying cocksuckers did was start a genocidal war against the true and living Goddesses and Gods of our Folk.

Once the noble Pagan Sisterhoods and Brotherhoods were wiped out and their books and temples were burned, when the Christians killed off the Pagan World, the time became known as the Dark Ages because the Jewish cults killed all **The Light of the World**. The Cult of the Dead Jew started killing everyone in their own ranks who disagreed with their ruling dogma. When the First Christian Civil War came to a bloody end, only the Catholic Christians remained in the West. The Catholics controlled Western Christendom for about 1,000 years, until the new, Protestant Christians became powerful enough to fight the Catholics in a Second Christian Civil War. The Protestants and Catholics murdered each other and each accused the other of being witches and Eurocentric Pagans. Each cult claiming that they were more true to the Jewish traditions and myths than the other. This time period when the Catholics and Protestants were trying to out Jew each other is called the Great Witch Trails and the Inquisition. Any body who was caught being too European was burnt as a witch. Many mid-wives were burnt alive because they practiced the native European tradition of herbal medicine. Cats are the totem spirit of the Goddess Freyja. Freyja is the Germanic Goddess most connected with magic and witchcraft. Frigga is Odin's wife and the Goddess of motherhood and home. One symbol of Frigga is the broom. Many women who were seen in the company of cats or brooms were tortured to death for being Euro-Pagans. The Inquisition was the Political Correctness of its day and sought to kill everything connected the Aryan People's heritage.

During this time period when each faction of Christianity was trying to be more Hebrew than the next by crushing what little was left of our Aryan Folk Ways, many Protestants came to America for religious freedom to be as Jewish as they could be in their own individual way and to be free to murder witches and heathens according to their own church doctrine. These Protestant sects were running from both Catholic and other Protestant cults. By the late 1600s, the Great Witch Hunt and the Inquisition had pretty much wiped out all traces of Euro-Paganism. These Protestant cults were overjoyed to find that America had its own native population of Pagans and heathens which they could kill and torture into converting to followers of the Jewish tradition known as Christianity. Today, most American Indians have forsaken their native Paganism for the Hebrew way of life, praise Jesus! There are even American Indians who claim to be the true lost tribe of Israel. YAHWEH be praised!

It wasn't enough for Christianity to kill every living Aryan native tradition, now America has become the world center for Christian missionary work into the third world. Now that they have killed Aryan Paganism, they seek to go into South America, Africa, and else where and kill those people's heritage. It's the "will of the one true god" to kill off all competition.

Since America was founded by many Protestants who fled the Catholic Church, many Americans looked at Aryans from Catholic nations as if they were from another planet. A lot of Anglo-Saxon groups welcomed people from Protestant nations and hated Aryans from Catholic nations. A lot of anti-Polish, anti-Italian, and anti-Irish bullshit has poisoned America thought. Because of the Catho-

lic and Protestant wars, many Poles, Italians, and Irish people were treated poorly in the first part of this century and many of these people felt alienated from the so called White Anglo-Saxon Protestant America.

When the stock market crashed in 1929, much of the old Anglo-Saxon money was lost and the WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants) elite was greatly marred. In the depression, most Americans could not afford high priced luxuries such as new cars, new homes, etc. The factories and companies which produced these items were, generally, owned by WASPs and lost money and, therefore, the loss of WASP money meant the loss of WASP power.

The masses love luxuries. In the depression, the only luxuries the masses could afford were the inexpensive kind like booze, playing the numbers racket in hopes of winning the big jack pot, and going to the movies. Booze and gambling, for the most part, were controlled by Irish and Italian Catholics and Euro-American Jews. The entertainment industry of the 1920s and '30s: radio, motion picture, and the printed media were large Jewish dominated. These inexpensive luxuries racked in huge profits during the depression years. While many WASP capitalists were being wiped out, there was a new face to American capitalism. The North European Protestant power structure began cracking.

In the political scam of democracy, every boob gets only one vote. Company stock holders, generally, get one vote for every share of stock they own. Also, when it's time to elect a board of directors, every stock holder has the right to divide their votes any way they wish. If a stock holder owns 80,000 shares of The Cheap Beer Company and eight people are running for a spot on the board of directors, the stock holder can give each candidate 10,000 votes or one all 80,000 of his votes. See where I'm headed? Let's say that instead of reading the fucking Turner Diaries and getting yourself killed, you start reading investment books, go to college and get a degree in business. Say we as a group or as individuals bought as much stock in the Cheap Beer Company as we could. While all the other stockholders are dividing their votes among the other candidates, we cast all our votes for you. What does a board of directors get paid? Five or six figures. Now instead of ending up in a burning building with 500 pigs filling your ass full of lead, you are an Aryan Pagan in a position of power making big bucks. You are on the inside of the beast. Now the real revolution begins.

We repeat this over and over again until we become as powerful as that other religious minority. This is how they took over our economy. Not with guns and bombs, but with little, old Jewish ladies investing their life savings in stocks and then casting all their votes for the nice Jewish boy running for the board seat.

America was a Christian nation, but within 70 years, from 1929 to 1999, they have lost control of America. How did the Christian majority lose America? They lost its economy. The Christians divided their votes among the field. The Christians had no plan to hold on to the economy and they lost. The Jews never separated their business dealings from their religious mission. The New Paganism must learn from the business smart Jews. Money is a spirituality in its self. Odin is not just the All-Father. The Lord of The After Life, but he is also the God of skilled workers, merchants, wealth, and all forms of commerce. A true Odinist wishes to conquer the business world.

The Viking raids of the New Odinism should take place on Wall St. We shouldn't replace our board swords and shields with guns and bombs, but with lap tops and stock portfolios. The U.S. Congress doesn't rule America, Wall St. does. The good news is it is easier to elect someone to a company board than Congress. The bad news is the race movement is full of freaks, cowards, losers,

and slackers. Wall St. is a wet dream, and 90% of the race movement could fuck up a wet dream. Even something as simple as investing their beer money into penny stocks would fail with this joke we call a movement. Maybe I should write an article about investment.

As for Klassen's attack on Odinism. Odinists fought Christian imperialism for over 200 years before the Christians conquered them, then enslaved them, tortured to death all who would not convert. Aryan Paganism as a whole fought the mono pigs for around 5,000 years. The Egyptian Pagans chased the monotheists into the desert. Rome smashed their vile nation. National Socialism German, which was a mixture of Paganism and Christianity, only fought a very select part of the horde for 12 years before being crushed. Most German people denounced National Socialism the minute the Allied tanks rolled on German soil. 600 years after the forced conversion of Europe, the fucking Christians were still burning witches and other Pagan people who refused to convert to the cult of the dead fagot.

Paganism, today, is a social phenomenon. Satanism, Paganism, and the occult are hip and have a huge appeal to young people. Go to any Goth, Industrial, Techno, or Metal concert any where on Earth and I bet most the kids know what Satanism, Paganism, and the occult are and have at least some interest in it. None of them know who Klassen was, and they have no interest in learning. The Church of the Creator is too boring to attract many people. A boring movement is a dead movement.

I do like Klassen's The White Man's Bible, but a lot of his books just repeat his other writings. I can't get into repeating slogans. You read one of Klassen's books, then you have read them all.

...and about rage. The Berserkers or Bear Shirts were disciplined warriors who learned to control their rage for the battle field. They, generally, were devoted to Tyr, the God of war. They were temple guards, elite fighters, mercenaries.... The bear is Tyr's animal spirit. Berserkers were shamans, shape shifters, runic masters.... They practiced a type of martial arts. You could call them the Ninjas of the North. The Hindu book, The Bhagavada Gita, has a great warrior code of discipline. Also, there are critical comments on the importance of a caste system. Rage can be a good thing. We have to learn to re-direct our rage in ways which don't destroy us. We need to get so pissed off that we use our heads and figure out how to take back our homeland. I don't mean to sound like your dad, preaching at you, but I've seen the Aryan cream of the crop splatter their guts against America's wind shield so enough that it feels like we are stuck on the hara-kiri merry-go-round. I have nothing against violence revolution, but revolutionary suicide has never worked for us. Wyatt 14/88

Wyatt,

I have a few ideas that I'd like to run by you. First, what do you think we can do to attract the rich upper class to our struggle. It seems that they have a lot to lose and probably are sympathetic with us, but something is holding them back. What if we tone down our message and acted more like conservatives, then perhaps, we could lure them in and slowly wake them up. What if we had a dress code where our men were required to wear suits, ties, and black polished shoes and our women were required to wear dresses, high heels, and a nice hat to meetings?

And how about the police and military officers? They see what's going on, so they have to be with us, don't they?

How about voting and running for office? How about joining ethnic clubs and traditionally Aryan cultural activities? I think we can get active here, sneak in, then take over and wind up with a

hole lot of recruits. What do you think?

Zane Howe, Sterling, Colorado

Dear Zane:

One thing I've learned over the years is there are no easy solutions.

No man on horse back is going to come and do our fighting for us. Life isn't a cake walk. Everything of value is earned. No Prince Charming will save us from the wicked step sisters. No kindly sugar daddy will come and fund the movement. If people are going to support us, they will. Period. No strings attached. No special conditions. We are not trained seals doing tricks for fish. We are not strippers doing lap dances for dollars.

There have been numerous people come in the movement over the years who claimed to be rich and would be willing "to make all our financial problems disappear", however, there are always strings attached. Lots and lots of strings attached.

The bottom line is I can't think of one of these so-called "rich" people who ever came through with the goods. I've seen many leaders turn into circus clowns, doing tricks for money that will never come. The only thing these leaders manage to do is alienate their rank and file members, for phantom money which never, ever comes.

How should a working class family with four kids feel when a leader totally ignores them because the leader is too busy doing a dog and pony show for a con artist who is pretending to be rich?

If a leader sells out part of his value system for, say, a \$20,000 donation from a conservative Republican. How much money would it take for him to sell out totally to the A.D.L or the FBI? \$40,000? \$50,000? \$100,000?

Can we trust people with price tags?

It's easier to teach people with souls how to create wealth, than it is to teach a capitalist how to gain a soul. We need to spend more time improving the people we have and less time being fooled by con artists. I've found that the best people in the movement will support the cause unconditionally. **THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WE MUST FOCUS ON! THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WE NEED TO TEACH HOW TO INCREASE THEIR WEALTH.** Fuck anyone who will only support us under the *right conditions*, because, I've found, *the conditions are never right* for these people. They'll always find some reason not to help.

Anyway, here's my reply to your letter.

(1). *How do we attract the upper class?* Under the capitalist system, the upper class controls everything. The upper class controls Wall St. They own the Blue Chip companies. They control the news media, Hollywood, the music industry, the fashion industry, food distribution, and every thing of great value. The upper class controls all the politicians, Left, Right, and Center. If the White Nationalist movement got big enough to pose a threat to them, they would grease the right palms, and then they, too, would control us. The upper class controls the police, the army, the courts.... Even though the public schools teach us differently, Democracy is not REALLY controlled by the common people, but by the rich. *This is their system. Their government. Their mess.* If the upper class were "sympathetic with us" as you so boldly claim, why is their system so anti-White? Why do their police want to arrest us so? Why does their news media attack us? Why do we get so screwed over by their courts, their District Attorneys, their judges? Their public schools demean our people. Their newspapers call us hate criminals.

Don't you think that if they were "with us" that they wouldn't be so god damn against us! There are millions and millions of rich people. If even one of these pricks wanted to help our people survive, where are they? Every town in America with over two or three thousand people has a newspaper of some sort controlled by rich people.

There must be 100s of 1,000s of newspapers in North America. If the upper class is really with us, why isn't there one single newspaper that supports the survival of the White race? Have you ever saw a system newspaper that didn't champion the death of the White race as if it were some great battleship leading the world to social progressive?

If the capitalists are pro-White, why is the capitalist system so anti-White? If you were a Jew in Nazi Germany, I bet you're the type of guy who would think that the Nazi Party is "REALLY" sympathetic with Jews, but something is holding them back. Wake up and smell the coffee! The West is in the mess it is in because the upper class wants it this way! If they didn't want the system to kill the White race, it would not. This is how Democracy works. He who controls the gold makes the rules.

(2). *"What if we tone down our message...."* Now, we are selling out for money even though no money has been offered. We are such phonies that we are planning to betray our belief system over the fantasy that some where out there *over the rainbow* there might be a rich guy who will bribe us if we totally kiss his ass.

(3). *".... and acted more like conservatives, then perhaps, we could lure them in and slowly wake them up."* The conservatives are cowards. The history of the American Right shows it has always compromised its beliefs in hopes of winning an imaginary "silent majority". If you want to know what the Republican Party will believe 10 or 20 years down the road, just read today's Democratic Party platform. Any criticism the Right wing gets from the Left wing, the Right wing folds. Right wingers compromise their values, because they are good at it. What does the Republic Party stand for? Anything? They folded on their Contract With America. They folded on the immigration issue. They folded on the tax cuts. They folded on pray in school. They folded the abortion issue. The Republicans would rather suck shit from the ass of a dog than say the word "White" out loud.

This is the history of the Republicans. During the Civil War, they promised to ship the black slaves back to Africa. Did they do this? No, they folded. They promised to keep us out of World War II. Did they? No, they folded. They promised to fight the so called Civil Rights movement. Did they? No, they folded the first time a liberal journalist criticized them.

Should we pretend not to be racial in order to sneak up on people?

Zane, if your plan of pretending not to be racial will work on converting anti-White people to a pro-White world view. Why would it not work for changing homosexuals to heterosexuality?

Zane, I want you and all of your little Right wing buddies to dress up in drag and hang out at gay bars, so you can sneak up on the gay community. How surprised will they be when they find out they are getting a blow job from a strange guy! That will turn them straight, I bet! My point being. Who is fooling who? If you dress up in drag and hang out at gay bars, are you converting homosexuals to becoming straight, or are they converting you? If we water down our racial belief system, are we converting them, or are they converting us to be anti-White? Look at the Republican Party, all their compromising has not change America, but it has changed the Republicans into moderate Liberals. To compromise our beliefs is to move closer to the anti-White side. To compromise is to give up a piece of our world view! However, I am not saying there isn't a great deal of stu-

pid shit in the race movement which needs to be thrown out. We should never water down the 14 Words, for example. Most right wingers wants to even stop telling White people to have large families, for even this is too radical.

(4). "What if we had a dress code where our men were required to wear suits, ties, and black polished shoes (What! No brown shoes?) and our women were required to wear dresses, high heels, and a nice hat to meetings?" This is a bizarre stereotype you have of rich people. Warren Buffet, the Wizard of Wall Street, drives to work in a beat up old car. Once someone asked him why a billionaire like himself didn't buy a new car. He said "If I spend \$20,000 on a new car, in 20 years, the car will be worthless, but if I invest \$20,000 in the stock market, in 20 years, I can turn that money into a million dollars." Warren Buffet wears T-shirts and blue jeans.

Bill Gates is one of the richest men on Earth: he, usually buys his clothes at K-Mart. The owner of Virgin Airlines, Virgin Records, and so forth, usually wears T-shirts, blue jeans, and tennis shoes without shocks to work. The head of Nike shoes is another rich prick who isn't much into suits.

I've known a few rich people in my life and none of them liked to dress up. Do you really think that there is this army of millionaires out there just waiting to join up, but the lack of suits is keeping them out? Zane, you're a special people. Fucking retard!

First, what about people with large White families who have no money to buy suits? Will they be banned from meetings? How should children dress? Little suits?

And how much money should we waste on suits? There is nothing that says White trash more than a cheap suit. I remember how bad J.B. Stoner looked in his cheap \$300 suits and his crappy ties. T-shirts and blue jeans look better than cheap suits. T-shirts and blue jeans say you're trying to be causal. A \$300 suit says you're a poor person pretending to be middle class. The only suits that look good cost \$1,000 or more. If you want to look smart make every man wear a \$5,000 suit. Every woman, a \$10,000 dress. And don't forget the diamonds. Women must wear at least \$20,000 worth of diamonds before they can come to a meeting.

Only then will Wall Street stand up and take note. Here's one: every one who comes to a meeting must drive up in a Royal Royce. Man, that would make the Rich folks join our cause. I've got it. Every one who comes to a meeting must own an island in the Pacific Ocean. If we all wore \$5,000 suits, drove Royal Royces, and owned a Pacific island complete with Mary Ann and Ginger, then the upper class would join us. Bill Gates phoned me up and told me he wouldn't even consider being pro-White until Zane Howe bought a \$5,000 suit and a pair of \$2,000 Italian shoes. What do you say Zane? The survival of the White race depends on you, man! Get your charge card out. The malls are calling you!

(5). "And how about the police and military officers?" The police and military officers serve those who sign their checks. Even police and military officers who may be with us won't risk getting fired. San Diego county, where I live, is a military county. These people will bitch about the race question, but the minute Washington orders them to shoot us, they will shoot us. They are Right wingers. They will compromise their values and beliefs for a pay check. Typical conservatives.

(6). "How about voting and running for office?" So what you are saying is we need another George Wallace. (I just vomited!) Someone to "lead" the cause to victory. The upper class controls all political parties. If we put up candidates, they would bribe them just like they did with George Wallace. If they couldn't bribe them,

then they would kill them like they did with Huey Long. This is how Democracy works. We don't need a leader who will get seduced by democracy. We need a leader who will kill democracy. Democracy is a capitalist sham. Why do you wish to be scammed? If you believe America can be changed by working within democracy, let me sell you the Brooklyn bridge. I have some swamp land in Florida you might be interested in. Pull my finger! The check is in the mail. Honest, I never slept with your wife! Democracy brings freedom and justice to all. Look, Zane, there's the Easter Bunny!

(7). "How about joining ethnic clubs and traditionally Aryan cultural activities?" I tried this in the late '70s early '80s. Few young people. Ethnic clubs are not at all into race. They like ethnic food, ethnic dance. Ethnic clubs are like Star Trek conventions, except they are full of old farts, instead of young geeks. A real waste of time.

Zane, no knight in shining armor is going to come and save us. We, (Sinn Fein, *ourselves alone*, as the Irish saying goes), are our only hope. White survival is hard work. Most people are waiting for someone to come and do all the work. A reactionary waits for some hero to come and save the day, whereas, a revolutionary becomes the hero. Zane, are you are a reactionary, waiting for your rich sugar daddy to rescue you. Or are you a revolutionary sent by the Gods to save the Folk? I am only kidding we all know Bill Gates is coming to save us. Hey, Donald Trump just gave me five bucks! All our troubles are gone! Love, Wyatt

Wyatt,

Thanks for sending the issues. For the expo in Chicago, I'll need more issues. Probably around 100-200 more.

Regards Reverend John. Hail Satan!

PS. I really liked the new issue (#42).

Dear Comrades,

I just have discovered your existence from the current issue of Spartacus, (P.O. Box 2712, Hearst, Ontario, Canada), the Third Way review. It's an excellence reference, and what they say about you is very interesting. You seem to be serious Pagans and not silly dreamers of "New Age" or Wicca. For me, I understand my Paganism in the ways of Julius Evola and Ernst Junger! Is it the same for you?

The best Pagan review in the French language is:

Antaios, 168 zue Washington Bte 2, 1050 Bruxelles, Belgium.....

Thanks and Pagan Pride! Michel, France

Brother Michel:

The first time I became aware of the names Julius Evola and Ernst Junger was from the pages of a German Death Metal magazine called *Moondance*. Since then I bought Julius Evola book, *Revolt Against The Modern World*, from Amazon.com. I haven't had time to read the whole book, but just skimming through chapters, I noticed some of our ideas are similar. He, too, believes (or believed, he died) the West should return to a meritocracy and rule by the warrior elite. Julius Evola got his Paganism from reading the warrior epics of Homer, Virgil, and the saga writers of Iceland.

Wicca is a bunch of bullshit created in the 1950s. They believe in a Paganism that never was and never will be. Wicca "Paganism" is left wing fantasy role playing for bored, middle aged house wives who got tired of dressing up and going to Star Trek conven-

tions. Now they dress up and go to "Pagan" gatherings and hang out with other nerds. These clowns would not last five minutes in a true Pagan Age.

All Pagan traditions were tribal. Every Pagan civilization from the Aztecs, Hindu, Egyptians, Africans, Romans, Greeks, Celts, Slavs, Germans, Norse, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiians, Yokut Indians, etc., etc., etc. believed in ancestor worship, in progeny worship, in the superiority of great blood lines and the genetic inferiority of bad blood lines. The most common name among ancient peoples of all races for themselves was *the human beings*, the people, the chosen ones, etc. The most common names for people outside their tribe or clan was the others, the savages, or some animal name. All ancient people saw themselves as human beings and all outsiders as non-humans, as animals, as barbarians. Even the Jews call themselves "God's Chosen People" and all non-Jews goys, which is an insult meaning stupid cows. Womankind and Mankind are pack animals. They are tribal. The more the liberals try to bring people together, the more people find a need to create their own separate tribe.

Man has survived because we have an instinct to break up into smaller groups and to become extremely loyal to our own small group.

Man would not have survived the Ice Age if he tried to be his brother's kinder. The strong and wise formed their own tribe and lived, while the weak and stupid formed their own tribe and died.

The "we are all one" line that the universalists push would cause the weak and stupid to pull down the cream of mankind.

Many smaller groups have better odds to survive than one large world village. Smaller groups can get lean and mean. The world village would be held down by its weaker links.

Small groups can pick and choose who they want as members, while the world village must embrace all of mankind, even the fucking retard people, as their equals.

The laws of nature work even in a safe place like high school. I've never been to Belgium, however, I bet the social systems are the same as they are in American schools.

American high school are divided up in many separate tribes. The jocks mostly hang together, as do the stoners, the computer nerds, the Jesusfreaks, even the retards from the special education classes formed their own tribe where they could eat each other's snot. Mother Nature is always separating creatures in order to give life a chance to survive. This is why there are 10s of 1,000s of different kind of bugs. 1,000s of different types of birds and fish. Separation *and* diversity insures that something will survive. That life will go on. Nature is not one big melting pot where everything blends together. Separation is the key to life. Nature is not one big melting pot where trees can breed with dogs and sea gulls have sex with cockroaches. All life form have an instinct to be with their own small group. Wolves form small packs and when two wolf packs met they go to war over hunting grounds.

They can't make universalism and the world village work in a controlled environment like high school; how the hell can the liberals make it work in the anarchy of the real world.

Paganism is the religion of mother nature. To understand Paganism, just watch the nature channel for a few weeks and you'll understand how a nature religion works. Christianity is an unnatural religion (a religion at war with nature). Nature is sinful. Mother Nature tells you to eat pussy. Fuck the bitches brains out. Knock her up, man. Christianity says fucking is sinful. Sex is evil. Hate for outsiders is sinful. War is sinful. Greed is sinful. But these are all the laws of nature. The meek shall inherit the earth line is a sin against nature. The liberalism and the left wing grew out of Christian charity. The whole notion that the strong must help the weak is

a Christian idea. The brotherhood of mankind is a Christian myth that the Communists and liberals have picked up from Jesus the fagot. No Pagan or Heathen people, regardless of race, ever preached the equality of mankind. The Huron Indians used to cook and eat the hearts' of Mohawk Indians in order to gain the courage of a warrior's heart. If a Wiccan New Ager would be transported back in time to the Huron or Mohawk Nations, they would be beaten, raped, and turned into slaves. Those who were unfit to be slaves would be hacked up into small pieces and the meat would be fed to dogs. And rightly so!

All Pagan civilizations were ruled by a caste system based on noble bloodlines.

Name one Pagan culture that did not worship the ancestors of the Noble warriors. Name one Pagan culture that was not ruled by caste and a warrior aristocracy. Name one Pagan culture that did not trade in slaves. Name one Pagan culture that did not kidnap and keep the women of outsiders. Name one Pagan culture that believed in the universal equality of mankind. You can't because Paganism was never a liberal love fest. The Rabbi Jesus Christ was the first Communist agitator. He and his bitches were social outcasts because they preached homosexual love, brotherhood, and equality for all of mankind. The Rabbi Jesus and his 12 lovers didn't think so highly of women. They even hated their own womankind.

The early Jews were very racist too. Christ's teachings were as much rebellion against his native Judaism as they were against the goyim's Paganism.

Jesus taught universalism. He taught universal brotherhood in a very nationalistic, racist, clannish, tribal Pagan world. Bloodlines were important to Paganism. Jesus sought to tear down racial and national boundaries. The New Age people are universalists. They believe in the Christian message of peace, love, and universal brotherhood. They hate the Pagan world view of "I come, I see, I conquer!" Wiccans are not Pagans, but Jesusfreaks in funny costumes. Wyatt

Some Honest Talk

This will be the third issue of Pagan Revival published as a magazine. Pagan Revival magazine is highly praised, but a huge financial disaster. If a fraction of the people who praise this magazine actually subscribed, then it would have a successful future.

As many of you know, issue one through 20 plus were typed up on my Commodore 64 and photo copied. About half a dozen or so people actually paid for a subscription for Pagan Revival in newsletter form. Many people loved getting it for free. Hell, if I were rich I could have sent the newsletter to every one on Earth and had an impressive mailing list of six billion people. It's amazing how many people you can fool yourself into believing are your supporters when you give free things away. A supporter is someone who supports you and creates an abundance. A supporter IS NOT someone who creates a deficit. A supporter is someone who GIVES support, NOT someone who NEEDS TO BE SUPPORTED! A slacker or shirker is someone who creates a deficit. A shirker is someone who needs to be supported. *Skirk*: 1. to avoid duty, work, responsibility, fighting, etc. 2. to fail to give support to one's friends, family, community, country, cause, etc. *shirker*: 1. one who fails to support. 2. one who is a deficit. 3. one who is dead fucking weight.

According to the Roman historian Tacitus's *On the Origin and Geography of Germania*, the Bronze Age Germanic people's had four types of unforgivable sinners. 1. Oath breakers. 2. Cowards 3. Sodomites and 4. Shirkers.

According to Tacitus, these people had to be "removed from the

sight of the Gods". The Bronze Age Folk would march these people down to the bogs, have them lay down in the mud, place wooden boards on top of them, then pile rocks on top of the boards, until these Troth breakers were crushed into the bog. This was a sacrifice to the Earth Goddess Nerthus-Jord. About 90% of the so called movement people are weaving a web which can only lead them to the bogs.

Odin said, "A gift demands a gift." This is the Odinic law. Pre-Christian societies had very little use for non-productive people. Charity is a Christian concept. Modern socialism came from the book *Utopia* written by the kooky Jesus freak Sir Thomas Moore.

Who but a Christian would want society to feed the weak, the lazy, and the stupid? In Pagan societies, people who could not support themselves, or even worse, would not support themselves were prime candidates for becoming a gift to the living Gods. The holy Troth is: (1.) honor, obey, and defend the Goddesses and Gods of our Folk, (2.) be industrious in supporting yourself and our community, (3.) obey the law (our law, not the enemy's law), (4.) know your place in our community and be a responsible citizen, etc. 90% of the bowel movement wouldn't survive a week in a true Aryan society. Sometimes, when all these Troth betrayers in the blight wing get me down, I like to picture them at the bottom of a bog. This always cheers me up. **I don't hate the alien hordes who invade our Folk, but I do hate our own people who refuse to protect and build our community.** The aliens are crusaders for their own survival and advancement. Is it their fault that we allowed Christianity to turn our White race into such human waste? The Pagan law of tooth and claw made our race great; Christian charity drug us to the bottom of this bog. Christianity teaches all men are our brothers, and we must be our brother's keepers. If this isn't a recipe for doom, then what is?

There is nothing more un-Aryan than a shirker. The so called movement is thronged with sluggards.

No good, nor even bad, ever came from a shirker, for even bad things require work, sacrifice, and support. A shirker is just in the way. The only manner to make something good out of a shirker is to kill them and then eat them.

The New Paganism will save the Folk, however, the New Paganism needs your support, not your lazy day dreaming thoughts. Support, AKA work, is a physical thing. If you are not working to support the Pagan Revival, you are not supporting it. Give your day dreams to some one else! The New Paganism needs your labor! Your activism. Fuck your idealistic dreams. The bowel movement is being smothered in lazy people's dreams. Workers build. Dreamers dream. It is time to wake up and go to work you fucking lazy pieces of worthless shit! Aryans were great because they were hard workers. The black race never created a civilization because they were dreamers. Rome was not built by dreams, but by hard work and sacrifice. The White race, today, is full of lazy dreamers. White people are the new niggers. The White race, today, is dying. Are you smart enough to figure out why? **WORK MAKES US FREE!** Go to any race meeting, and see if it isn't true that there are far more dreamers than workers. What do these cocksuckers do all day but kick back and dream? A race meeting is like an opium den, filled with pipe dreams. Your job as a race leader is to supply these slackers with FREE opium.

The great parody of Aryanism today is our cause, the survival of the White race, is the most significant struggle our people have ever faced in history, while the tool we are using to reach our goal of White survival, the so called race movement, is the biggest fucking joke we have ever play on ourselves. The cause and the so called movement are not identical. In fact, the fucking movement is killing the cause. *The movement is our cause's deadliest enemy.*

More people have stopped fighting for our cause because of the fucking movement than any other factor. The cause of White survival has never drug me down. Every time something burns me out or drags me down, it's always created by the fucking movement. The movement drives people away from the cause.

I put Pagan Revival out as a newsletter for 20 plus issues. A lot of people liked it while it came free, but next to no one was willing to pay for it. Free opium, for the day dreamers. I got tired of paying for the postage and printing of a newsletter which was getting no support. Christians are the ones who keep the weak, lazy, and stupid; a true Pagan would just kill them.

Why burden society with useless people? 90% of the people in the so called movement are useless. Not because they are sickly nor aged, but because they DESIRE to be useless people. Most of the movement belongs at the bottom of a bog.

Sending a publication to malingerers for free is Christian idealism, not Pagan common sense. It will take several generations of Pagans before we can purge all the Christian shit out of the Folk. It took Christianity 2,000 years to fuck up the White race as badly as it is today. Freeing the mind of the Folk won't happen over night.

Phase Two of Pagan Revival was on the internet. The internet appealed to me because there was no postage and printing cost. I did a lot of e-mailing of an Pagan Revival e-zine and/or emailings and got some fairly interesting round robins going. However, I realized that the internet, although it has some positive qualities, also, has many negatives. One thing is that most people who are on the net are just looking for free entertainment and are too geeky to build a Pagan community. The internet is just interactive television where bored and lonely people sit by themselves and stare into a monitor all day. Net surfers are the coach potatoes of the new millennium.

One thing which really got me is: I was e-mailing some White college kids, and they decided that on every Friday night at 8:00 they were going to meet in an Aryan chat room and shoot the shit. What kind of young nerds wouldn't have anything better to do on a Friday night than hang out in a fucking chat room? A bunch of fucking queers!

I could just picture all these college dorms across America with these lonely White males. They'd be sitting in the dark in front of their computers and bitching that there are no White women around, while the black jocks were over in the girl's side of the dorms just fucking the shit out of all the White women. Maybe, afterwards, when the Net Nazis got tired of sobbing, they could go to a cyber porno site and beat off. The internet can be useful, but mostly it is just another thing to separate White men and women. Another bad thing about the internet is it is as addictive as heroin to some people. I have two friends who waste too much of their lives on the Net. When people visit them, they can't take their eyes off the monitor to even look at their guests. The internet is like their pet vampire, and they let it feed on their lives. Cyber space is a dream land where everyone creates their own reality. The internet is just giving White youth more reasons to live outside of the real world. Cyber space is high tech opium. Chat rooms are the opium dens of this generation.

So I went to Phase Three. Pagan Revival in magazine form. My thinking was that if I went with a professionally printed magazine more people would be interested and from there I could create something. The first issue I published as a magazine was #41. The entire cost of printing the 1,000 issues of the 64 page #41 was only \$1097. Postage was \$1,529, much of this cost being air mail overseas. Air mail cost \$3.50 per issue to send #41 to Europe. Air mailing #41 to some parts of New Zealand was \$3.50 while others
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Zine Reviews

Ancient American, Volume 4 Issue 26, P.O. Box 370, Colfax, WI 54730, Full size magazine, 38 pages, \$24.95 for 6 issues. An interesting zine that's infected with Mormonism. The first story is about the homosexual pedophile Jesus Christ in North America. The author researches the American Indian legends of "the" breaded White man. The first problem is the Indian legends don't talk about "a" breaded White man, but a whole race of White Gods who came to the ancient Americas. In South and Central America, they called the White Gods feathered serpents, since they came from the North East on the backs of winged dragons, which walked across the ocean. The Mayas called the White All-Father Kukulcan, the Aztec's called the White God-king Quetzalcoatl or Votan, and the Incas called the leader Kon-Tiki-Viracocha (sea foam). The North American Indians called the White God King, the East Star Man, the Pale One, the Morning Star, the Wise One, etc. The author then goes on to say that since the White man had a beard he must be the sexual freak Jesus Christ. Now, here's the author's second problem. The only description of the freak Jesus Christ in the Bible says he was a short, kinky hair, ugly, dark man. But, hell, the truth never influenced a Christian. The next article explores the similarities between ancient Roman and Aztec arches. A piece about Noah's Ark. Lots of letters. Native Art in North America. Two pieces about Mexican pyramids. Knights of Templar in New England. Ancient Serpents in Southern Illinois. The Pillars of Japan. An article about the extinction of mammoths. Mexican sculpted Roman head. Some unique stuff.

Runa Raven Book 1999 Catalog, P.O. Box 557, Smithville, TX 78957, Half Size Newsletter, six pages. Runa Raven offers some very rare Odinic books. Many of these books can be found nowhere else. They carry two titles by Guido Von List. Two runic magic books from the 1600s. They have back issues of the Odinic magazine Runa. Odinic Folk music. And Thor's Hammers.

Fenris Wolf, Issue #4, Nate Zorn, P.O. Box 161, Clinton, WA 98236, Full size magazine, 88 pages, Irregularly, I could not find a sub price. Back issues are \$4 each, #4 is the biggest issue yet., my suggestion is ten cents a page when you are not sure of the price. Fenris Wolf opens with a piece about the summer solstice Festival of Balder, then "From the Wolf Den", has great comments of Racial Odinism. They have Pagan contacts. The Reverend Horton Hate writes News Uncensored By Jews, The Occult As A Catalyst, A story about a 12 year White boy killed by a gang of Negroes and how the towns did nothing, but pray to their Rabbi, hanging on the cross. Virtue As A Male Principle, Wotan-ism- The Religion of the Ubermensch, The New Barbarians, Hockey Hooligans, Blue Eyed Devils interview, The Enigma of the Swastika, Heil Odin! God of Death Part One, poems, Into the Storm, letters to the editor, Saddam Hussein Vs the Jew World Order, cartoons, news items, Nature Will Prevail, P.C. Children Stories, Making False IDS, and Why Conservatives Are Losers. Fenris Wolf is a very militant Aryan Pagan magazine. It is not for sissies, Jesusfreaks, nor Right wingers. This is a great zine that is sure to offend most people, but what great zine doesn't? The chain is broke. Fenris is loose!

Black Death Metal Catalog 1999, Full Moon Production, 2039 Roxburgh Court, Lakeland, FL 33813, Digest Size, 13 Pages. This little catalog is jammed full of CDs by bands from various genre such as Death Metal, Aryan Folk, Doom Metal, Pagan Metal, Gothic Metal, Thrash Metal, Techno Death, Industrial Black,

Speed Metal, Aryan Pagan Metal and more. The bands are listed in alphabetic order from **And Oceans** to **Witchery**, so everything is easy to find.

Spartacus, #8, *A Journal of National Bolshevism and the Third Way*, PO Box 2712, Hearst, Ontario, POL 1NO, Canada, I could not find any sub rate, single issue price, nor how often it comes out. I'm beginning to see that most zine publishers are shy about asking for money. This is most likely why most of them fold after four or five issues. National Bolshevism, for you who are new to the movement, is an Aryan ideology which was born in Germany in the 1920s. The National Bolsheviks felt that the German Communist Party was too Jewish and anti-White, and they, also, felt Hitler's National Socialist Party was not Left wing enough and was too soft on the Christians and capitalists. **Spartacus** opens up with an interview of Alternative Green founder, Richard Hunt. An article Race and the Natural Order. A piece on the Eugenic Manifesto. An article praising Pol Pot and his murderous Khmer Rouge as "ecological visionaries". They believe North America needs a White racist Pol Pot and Khmer Rouge to straight up this mess. And they have zine reviews.

Focus Fourteen, Issue 902, HC01 Box 268k, St. Maries, ID 83861, Full Size Newsletter, 4 Pages, 12 issues, \$20 This issue of **Focus Fourteen** has only one article: *Meritocracy* by Ron McVan. They sell Odinic booklets, tee shirts, videos and tapes, and more.

Gnosis, A Journal of Western Inner Tradition, #48, P.O. Box 14217, San Francisco, CA 94114, Full size magazine, 80 pages, Quarterly, sample copy \$7, \$28 for year sub. This issue of **Gnosis** focuses on the Wicca movement. There are some interesting revelations about the counterfeit Paganism which calls itself "Wicca". **Gnosis** magazines points out that the word Wicca is Old English, meaning a male witch, whereas wicce is a female witch. How odd of a feminist Goddess cult to call themselves male witches!

Fenris Wolf, #5, *The Revolutionary Voice of the Pagan Liberation League*, P.O. Box 161, Clinton, WA 98236, Jarl88@aol.com., Full size magazine, 92 pages. Irregularly. I couldn't find a price, but 10 cent a page seems fair. **Fenris Wolf** is loaded with art, poems, letters, and articles devoted to Aryan Paganism.

With 92 pages, **Fenris Wolf** is a serious read. Some things which stood out are: A piece denouncing the Iron Heel's bombing of the Serbian people. An article about the 20th Century Decadence. An interview with Aryan Celt Folk musician Eric Owen. A conversation with the Asatru musical project, Falkenbach. Robert Koch's *Freyja- The Triple Goddess: Maid, Mother, Crone*. A Freyja Invocation (**Editor's Note:** I always confuse the two words invoke and evoke, however, doesn't evocation {to evoke} mean to summon forth a deity or spirit through pray, chanting, ritual, etc. to appear in its own form, while invocation {to invoke} means to channel a deity or spirit through shamanism into an alternative body. Right? You evoke Freyja to appear in person, but you invoke Frëyja to take over your body or some one else's body. At least, I think this is right. I couldn't find a clear definition in the dictionary). **Fenris Wolf**, also, has articles on racial traits, beyond good and evil, the Fennian struggle, the skinhead band Centurion, the Goddess Unveiled, Ragnarok in 14/88 Words, Frank Rennicke—A German Asatru Folk singer, Odin-God of Death, and more. The Fenris Wolf is loose. Long Live Death!

The Barbarian Conversion: From Paganism To Christianity

by Richard Fletcher, 1997, Henry Holt and Company, 556 pages.

Book view by Allen Semenchuk

The Barbarian Conversion was at first read a disappointment. The author skips over much of the bloody and more oppressive aspects of the forced conversion of Europe's Pagan inhabitants. I found the book dry and filled with needless detail about early churches, lay groups, and famous early Christian leaders. However, after some contemplation I realized that this book had much that was of worth. The author detailed, not just the conversion and military conquest of Pagan peoples, but also, outlined a plan of total cultural destruction and the subsequent imposition of an alien creed upon the conquered.

The first section of the book deals with the conversion of those parts of Europe under the sway of the Roman Empire. The book shows the long term political, economic, military, and civil terroristic campaigns that were wage against the Pagan World. It shows how a many century long series of events led to eradication of non-Christian beliefs and culture and the destruction of Pagan Rome.

One of the mechanisms used to achieve this was the creation of a sense of separation between the urban Roman Christian and the rustic non-Christian, the barbarian! The author quotes an early Christian writer: "Romans (Christians) and barbarians (Pagans) are as distinct from one another as the four footed beast is from the human." Prudentius 390 CE (p.25). The leaders of the church by portraying non-Christians as beasts gave their followers a sense of moral high ground from whence they could look down on others. It allowed them a shield behind which to hide as they committed atrocities against non-Christians. The author notes that most early Christians were urban dwellers; an odd combination of wealthy landowners and the ghetto dwelling dregs of Roman society. The landowners would construct churches at which their Christian tenants could worship and pay tithes. These same landlords would jack up the rent of non-Christians, forcing them via economic pressure to convert or be driven from an areas now controlled by the Christ worshippers.

The early church would use the ghetto dwellers as shock troop mobs, encouraging them to ravage and destroy temples and scared groves. This book is filled with tales of early Christian "martyrs" burning or chopping down a scared grove only to have their own heads caved in by irate Pagans. The book shows that after groves and temples were burned and destroyed the difficulty Pagan worshippers would have in replacing and rebuilding these sites. Rome was in decline and there were little funds for public works. The vermin Christians realized this and over a several hundred year period used their thugs to destroy one impossible to replace site after another in an unending war of destructive attribution.

The rulers of the Roman Empire adopted the Christian faith as a means of control. Christians would follow orders as long as their god was in charge. They had little will or mind of their own, since free thought and free expression is not part of the Christian creed. By allowing the church greater reign, Roman rulers could loot the old temples to fuel their war coffers in the name of Christ. Throughout Christian history, this combination of a pillaging king and a greedy church can be seen. Christian rulers conquering and murdering in the name of Christ, while splitting Pagan property as war booty with the grasping hands of Christian priests. The author shows time and again that the early church was a tool of the wealthy elite. Rich, Christian families would build a church and place its ownership in the hands of a family member. Christian worshippers would make offerings to the church and those families which owned the church would pocket the profits. This family owned churches would be passed down through the generations as a family asset. This practice of giving chaplainship is still in effect in England.

The Christian church would serve as a repository for the family and local wealth. It was this collection of wealth that caused the churches and monasteries to be targets of Viking raiders. The Christian churches were filled with riches robbed from Pagan temples and the common people. The Vikings wanted riches, so they robbed the Christian churches. The author points out that during the Viking Age, many Christian churches and monasteries escaped pillage due to the fact that they had nothing worth taking. In the Danelaw area of England, many poor Christian churches existed in the midst of Viking rule completely unmolested by their Pagan overlords

(Editor's note: This Pagan tolerance of Christians, Jews, and Muslims is what lead to the destruction of Pagan Europe and the genocide of our people.)

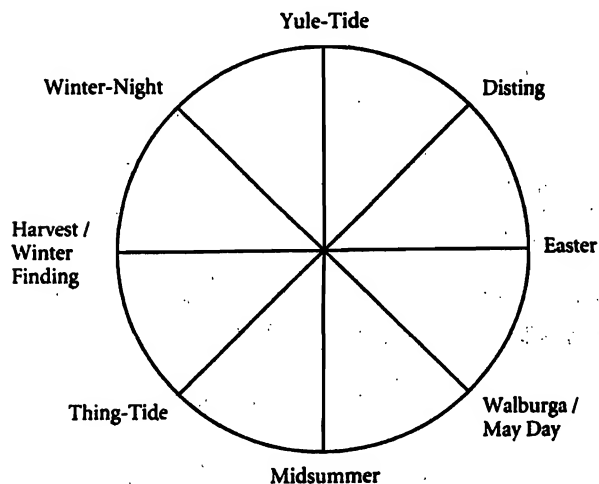
In addition to pointing out the manner in which the church played an economic role in the areas in which conversions had taken place, he, also, touches on the manner the military was used to ensure the conversion of Pagans.

In a chapter on the Saxon conversion, the author speaks of the Saxon Capitulary, which details the harshness of the terms laid down on the Saxons by the Franks; refusal to be baptized was a capital offense, as was cremation of the dead, eating meat on lent, participation in Pagan rituals, attacks on the Church or clergy would all lead to death. To quote the author: "...the Saxon Capitulary stands as a blueprint for the comprehensive and ruthless Christianization of a conquered society...Christianization would destabilize and dislocate the social texture of Saxon life at the most intimate levels of family existence (215: Fletcher). The author points out that an all encompassing ruthlessness had to be planned out. He pointed out that the ruthless conversion of the Saxons would be followed as an example when later the Wendish, and other Slavic people were forcibly converted over the next 500 years. This same ruthlessness extending even into the new world and the age of the reformation blood up on blood deed as first Pagan then unruly Christian was crushed for expressing thoughts not in line with those of the Church.

One ironic aspect of the Saxon conversion is that these same Saxons that were so repressed by the Franks would be the foremost of those who battled the next 500 years crushing first the Wendish then other Slav Pagans, doing to them what had been done to their forebears.

Throughout the text the author shows how first a people would be tricked into the Christian fold with promises and gifts only later to be shown the true iron hand of the beast that was the Church. Of interest to the Odinst is the chapter which deals with the Norse world. In this section one can see the workings of both the western and eastern Church. In the East the church would ally itself with the Kazar, hiring them to harass Vikings on their way to and from the north after a raid or trading expedition in the east. In the West, one would see provisional baptisms as a weak church would allow dual Asatru and Christ worship as they ensnared various Norse people into their grasp until the church had the upper hand, after which would come the burning and murder of those who would still remain true Pagans. In addition to the conversion of Pagans, the author sheds some light on the relationship between the church, Judaism and Islam. There are accounts of how the early church had to battle the tendency of its flock to convert to Judaism as preachers (Rabbis) of Jewish origin had a greater public appeal than those of the Christ church.

All in all, in spite of my first dislike of this book, I found much here worth reading. It is a book one should read more than once. It should be read slowly rather than as a light evenings read for there is much here that can be of use and should be of interest to the Odinic reader for here one can find the blueprint that was used by the church to create for itself a lasting presence in what was once a Pagan world.



MUSIC REVIEWS

Wolves Amongst the Sheep

Before God

Review By Lady Indara

The name of this band and the CD itself caught my attention. There wasn't one song that I didn't like even though each and every song displayed a sense of individuality.

The first song, *Summoning of our Ancestors*, is among one of my favorites. Starting out sounding something eerily like a ballad, *Summoning* throws the emotional sentiment away and replaces it with outright fury. "I'm your son of ice, servant from birth, I'm your pagan warrior, one with the earth . . ." WAR . . . WAR . . . WAR is the underlying message. A call to our ancestors to awake and guide us through the WAR, is a telling statement that the quest for past heroic battles to be one with current battles, is almost too intense. *Rebirth of the Pagan Man* is softer in the musical tone but not the lyrical tone, (except for the screams at the end). The first few lines, "As one with the land, my spirit awakens to nature's call, enslaved for over a thousand years, I've returned to reclaim it all The shrines were burned, traditions broken, a culture denied, down to every token . . . Back to the land, REBIRTH OF THE PAGAN MAN!" have a real message and combine the whole song with a snap of the finger truth to it.

On my CD player, I have a repeat button and for five full cycles, I replayed and replayed the song *Bountiful Life*. The beginning of the song really shows the singing talent of the band the most, but the whole song is completely charged. This is the story of Valhalla and it's worthiness . . . *Bountiful Life* combines song and message and makes you visualize this place called Valhalla, "In the halls of the battle slain, proud warriors living here lie, chosen to rise once again . . . under Asgard's godly skies." Must listen!

All of the songs are worth merit, but one of the most emotionally charged song was *Minneapolis Burns* (*Before God* is from Minneapolis). This is a no holes barred infliction of hate!!! Just what we like! The hypocrisy of the existence of mankind is spelled out in one liners like, "Lost souls, mass deceased, rats enjoy the feast, burnt flesh, broken bones, amidst the fallen stone . . ."

Again, this whole CD was great and the drums (my personal favorite) were played with such feeling and force that I tuned into this CD again just to listen to the instruments. I would recommend this CD to all who can handle a mixture of love/hate/passion and disregard . . . which is what life is pretty much about, eh?

To order **Wolves Amongst the Sheep Before God**, send \$15.00 to: Indara, P.O. Box 232-604, Escondido, CA 92023
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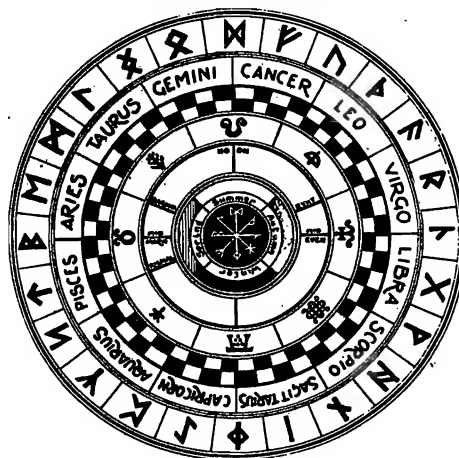
Bleeding & Praying Deathkids

Review By Wyatt Kaldenberg

Deathkids, *Bleeding & Praying* Aardvark Records, P.O. Box 139, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 Phone (516) 226-5033. **Deathkids** are the Satanic rebuttal to the Partridge family. The **Deathkids** feature the Wootton father, Ken, Sr. on bass, his 10 year old son Ken, Jr. on drums, and his 12 year old son Harley on lead guitar and vocals. The **Deathkids** are such an aggressive Death Metal band with a foreboding vocal that I didn't believe it came from the mouth of a 12 year old, until I read accounts from their appearance at the Milwaukee Metal Fest.

Ken, Sr.'s sons don't only play the music and sing, but they also write most of the songs on *Bleeding & Praying*.

One of my favorite songs is *Sacrilege*. "...Burn the church and everything in it! Destroy everything that is holy. Defecate in a charity bin and wipe your ass with the bible pages. Christ was just a liar, selling guilt to steal your money. What a bunch of shit. I want to slit his throat! KILL THE PRIEST! Push him down the stairs and stab the pope on the neck. Smash the cardinal's head on a rock and bash his face in with a hammer. Choke the bishop with a plastic bag until he spits blood; he must die!" Another great song written by Harley and Ken Wootton, JR is *First Communion*. "Welcome son, come, kneel, and pray. Let's get ready for Communion day. Come to the altar. Please have no fear. Pull down my zipper and put your lips here. Molesting boys-my obsession. Absolution through confession. Sodomising helpless victims. Sanctified by my religion. A cute little boy like you should be blessed with Christian sodomy. It'll make you feel holy, just wait and see. My rod and staff will comfort thee. Face down-come to my mass, and I'll ram some religion up your ass. When I'm done with your ass, and you're guilty and weak, be a good Christian and turn the other cheek. If you kill yourself, your grave won't be hallowed, but if you confess, we can all sing out loud the Christian hymns that you all believe in to keep your sick lives clean and free of sin. My turned around collar gives me good reason to demean everything you once thought was decent. Here's your first Communion dripping down your fat face. The blood of god will save you from suicidal disgrace. Here's your First Communion. Open up your throat wide. Swallow now and bless you for keeping Christ on your side. Here's your First Communion. Praise be to god. Fulfill your prophesy. Another boy for my perversity. Don't kill yourself. Don't think you're gay. You've just had your First Communion Day. First Communion Day." And people say there's no hope for the younger generation. The **Deathkids** are destined for greatness.



The Pagan Daybook

by Alchemy Mindworks Inc.

The Pagan Daybook is a great computer program I downloaded from American On-Line about two years ago. It takes Nigel Pennick's book: *The Pagan Book of Days* and puts it on your computer as a working Pagan calendar. I don't know if they still sell this calendar. Anyway, here is a piece of their text. W.K.



The Pagan Daybook is neither freeware, shareware or commercial software. It's bookware. If you like the Pagan Daybook, please read Steven William Rimmer's new novel *The Order*, ISBN 1-895268-02-8, published by Jam Ink Publishing.

If you can't find *The Order* locally, you can order it through Alchemy Mindworks Inc. The cost is \$6.99 plus shipping (\$2.50 in Canada, \$3.00 to the US, \$4.50 international).

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Introduction

It might well be asked what relevance the festival of Fortuna or the months of the goddess have to a world of personal computers. They have none, of course. Fortunately, this isn't a world of personal computers. It's a world of people, and our calendars date back to before January 1, 1970.

The holidays and festivals we commonly recognize are for the most part judeo-christian. However, the early christians who devised them did so to a large extent through expediency, for there was already a long list of observances which were popularly celebrated, and a lot of old gods to dedicate the days of the year to.

As such, Easter is really the feast of the Celtic goddess Eostre (*Editor's Note: Eostre is the Anglo-Saxon name for the Germanic Goddess Ostara. Eostre is a Germanic word, not a Gaelic word. It means 'from the East'. Ostara/Eostre is the Germanic Goddess of Spring and the New Dawn. The sun/new dawn comes from the East and sets in the West. There's a tradition where Wotan, the sky God, marries the Earth mother, Nerthus, and the Earth gives birth to the new dawn, Ostara.*). Christmas, perhaps the most celebrated of Christian festivals, was strategically located four days after the winter solstice. In fact, what evidence there is for ascribing a birthday to Christ puts it somewhere in the middle of January.

The Pagan Daybook is a small Windows application which will avail you of a very different calendar. It will tell you what each day meant before they became encumbered with saints or marked merely as bank holidays and long weekends.

As a final note, while most of these festivals date back to medieval times or earlier, the pagan calendar is far from being archaic. History is written by the winners, and the christian domination of Europe and later of North America has seen predominately christian cultures in the western world. Recognition and worship of the old gods didn't vanish with the coming of the christians, however. Fertility magic, Wicca (*in truth, Wicca was invented in the 1950s, how fucking ancient is that!!!*) and the rites that medieval christians were to call witchcraft are still followed, although as a rule not by stockbrokers and corporate lawyers.

Using the Pagan Daybook

When you run the Pagan Daybook a window will open showing you:

- The day, and its meaning. Each of the day names we currently use is based on the name of a god or goddess.
- The tide based on the time of day.
- The actual time.

- What significance the day has in the pagan calendar. On days which are not festivals of one sort or another you'll see the phrase "no observances".
- A graphic which pertains to the day.
- The current phase of the moon, if today will see one of the eight prominent lunar transitions.

If you leave the Pagan Daybook open, it will update itself automatically.

It's worth mentioned that the graphics which appear in the Pagan Daybook window are usually related to the festivals of the day. Certainly this is true when there is some visual significance to the day, such as the commencement of a runic month. Having an illustration for every day of the year was arguably a bit impractical. For days that have no specific graphics associated with them, you'll see a cornucopia....

The Calendar function of the Pagan Daybook will allow you to query the list of festivals and observances. The highlighted days have observances. Use the horizontal scroll bar to change months and the vertical scroll bar to change years. The calendar goes back to 1583, the start of the Gregorian calendar.

The festivals and other occurrences in the Pagan Daybook are a fusion of numerous traditions. They include Celtic, Roman and Norse feasts, and quite a few other dates which have traditionally been observed somewhere in Europe at some time in the past. Not all of these dates were the occasion for elaborate festivities. Especially in the Roman calendar, which seems to be bursting with feasts and celebrations, many of the days of note were only significant in passing, or to a select group of people.

Some of the dates are a bit contentious... you may find that you disagree with their precise location in our contemporary calendar. As is common in dealing with historical sources, various sources frequently offer various dates for things. This is often complicated by how calendars were reckoned in ancient times. Because ancient calendars slipped... that is, they tended to gain or lose days due to their creators not knowing precisely how long a year takes... we are often confronted with a particular observance appearing at two times during a year, depending on how a year is counted. Someone using the Julian calendar a few dozen years after its instigation, for example... it slipped fairly badly... might work out the day for a particular festival either by counting from the start of the calendar year, which slipped, or by counting from the most recent equinox or solstice, which did not slip.

Except in a few cases, the Pagan Daybook's calendar has omitted christian festivals. There are a number of reasons for this, not the least of which is that this is a *pagan* daybook. Practicality intervenes as well... according to Audrey Butler's *Dictionary of Dates*, there's at least one christian festival on almost every day of the year. Finally, research into the saints for whom these days are named suggests that most of them were either canonized for having suffered some barbaric demise... hardly a cheery thought to start the day with... or through medieval papal politics, having been absolute scoundrels when they were alive. The contemporary church has actually de-canonicalized a few of the really nasty ones.

There are a number of peculiar terms you'll encounter in the festivals described by the Pagan Daybook. Here's a quick overview of them:

- **Kalends**, or **calends**. The calend of a month marks its beginning in the old Roman calendar.
- **Nones**. The nones of a month occur nine days before the ides of a month in the old Roman calendar.
- **Ides**. The ides of a month mark its mid-point in the old Roman calendar.
- **Runic half-months**: Several old calendars divided the year into twenty-four months, each signified by a rune.
- **Tree and goddess months**: Old Celtic calendars (*in fact, this was invented by Robert Graves in his book The White Goddess. Old Celtic? What ever!*) in the British isles divided the year into twelve months, of which each had the characteristic of a particular tree, or of an aspect of the good goddess.

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You can download current versions of our applications, keep up to date with version changes and find other interesting bits at our World Wide Web server <http://uunorth.north.net:8000/alchemy/alchemy.html>.

Books

The following books were helpful in creating the Pagan Daybook. You might find them interesting if you'd like to learn more about pagan culture, mythology or unusual practices they followed a long time ago before people started wearing grey suits.

The Pagan Book of Days, by *Nigel Pennick*, published by Destiny Books, ISBN 0-89281-369-5. This book formed a lot of the basic structure for the Pagan Daybook application.

Ye Gods!, by *Anne S. Baumgartner*, published by Lyle Stuart Inc, ISBN 0-8184-0349-7. This is a dictionary of just about every deity ever to seduce a mortal or hurl a lightning bolt. It's an enormously fun book, well written and engaging.

Who's Who in the Ancient World, by *Betty Radice*, published by Penguin, ISBN 0-14-051055-9. This is a very good and detailed listing of ancient figures, both real and mythological... and the ones who couldn't make up their minds.

Everyman's Dictionary of Dates, revised by *Audrey Butler*, published by J. M. Dent and Sons. This is a list of dates of significance throughout history, as well as several fairly useful traditional calendars.

The World, The Flesh, The Devil, by *Eric Ericson*, ISBN 0-8317-9512-3. This is a biographical dictionary of witches throughout history. It's an interesting overview of historical pagan beliefs, if a bit harrowing in places.

Symbols, Signs and Signets, by *Ernst Lehner*, published by Dover Books. This is a collection of old woodcuts. Many of the graphics in the Pagan Daybook were scanned from it, and from other Dover books.

Fiction by Steven William Rimmer:

Coven, published by Ballantine Books, ISBN 0-345-35750-7. Coven is a story about witchcraft in contemporary Wales. At present it's fairly difficult to locate.

The Order, published by Jam Ink Publishing, ISBN 1-895268-02-8. The Order is set in the Scottish highlands, in a decaying castle, in the winter of 1882. It's the story of a young woman who finds herself in the midst of a secret society whose members appear to be killing each other. The secret society dates back to crusader times... the mystery behind it dates back considerably further.

Wycad, published by Jam Ink Publishing, ISBN 1-895268-05-2. Anya Donaghmore has slept with the lord of the forest and awakened to find that he's taken many lovers. One of them wants her life. Her fate may be determined by a witch who died three centuries earlier, or by a secret which has flowed in the veins of her ancestors for considerably longer.

Some Honest Talk (From Page 18)

were \$4.50. Japan was \$7.50 per issue. Surface mail to Europe is only \$1.45, however, it takes two to three months. They must route surface mail on wooden ships. I don't like surface mail, however, I need to cut expenses. I think all transoceanic mailings henceforth will be surface. Within the States, bulk mail is only around 40 cent (?) or so. Regular mail was around a buck to send #41. I was sending sample issues between bulk mailing at a buck a shot, until I thought about what I was doing. I bought around \$800 worth of books I wanted to sell to help pay for Pagan Revival, but no one was interested. Then I rented a mailing list and sent out a flyer in order to promote interest in the magazine. The cost of the mailing list and flyer I sent out was around \$1,300, and it was a giant flop.

The entire printing cost of #42 from draft to press was only \$890. I cut a good deal of my overseas mailing list and my postage went down to only \$550. For a total of \$1,440.

The good news about Pagan Revival as a magazine is: both issues combined had a circulation of 2,000. In the publishing world, readership is determined by the number of issues in circulation times three. The thinking goes that each house hold receiving a magazine has a husband and a wife and one child, hence three readers per magazine. I sent Pagan Revival to a lot of inmates. First, the prison guards will read all magazines that come through, then when it makes it to the inmate, the inmates pass it around. So three readers per copy may be lower than Pagan Revival's actual readership. So a 6,000 readership may be a very conservative estimate. I've sent Pagan Revival to 100s of other zines and received many reviews, only two were negative. A few of you even got Pagan Revival sold on newsstands and at conventions. I've gotten 100s of people writing letters praising Pagan Revival. 100s of people asking for free samples. 100s of people asking to be put on my mailing list for free. I have less than ten people who paid for a subscription, and only about 40 people who included cash or stamps for a sample copy. I've had three people buy ads which brought in \$75 total. Three people bought Pagan Revival in bulk which brought in about \$60.

Issue #41 and #42 of Pagan Revival took in a total of \$338 and I spent \$6,166, or minus the \$338, the cost is \$5,828. I make around \$22,000 a year. Issue #41 and #42 cost me over 26% of my annually income. About \$2,100 of this cash was spent to raise money for the magazine and was a Titanic disaster. The majority of money I spend on the magazine goes to distribution. This is the big problem.

Activism is one answer to the distribution problem. Here is an example of activism: around the time of World War One, the socialists had a newspaper called the *Appeal To Reason*. The government decided they did not like it, so they pulled their rights to use the U.S. Postal Service. The American Left, being full of activists, formed a distribution network they called the Appeal Army, by passed the Post Office, and delivered the newspaper by hand. Could you image anyone in the race movement being that devoted to a cause? I can't think of one racist who would do that.

The bowel movement is full of freaks, misfits, drunks, bums, psychos, free loaders, mom's boys, closet queers, booger eaters, and full time losers who want somebody to entertain them, to baby sit them, and to do it for free or very cheaply. The racial movement is not a movement. It has never been a movement. It is just an excuse for White people who hate non-Whites to come together and socialize. No one wants to build the White community; they just want to destroy non-Whites. To fully understand this statement is to understand why the racial movement will never win its struggle.

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The Elder Futhark. Both versions of Hagol are given, the six-branched form being the earlier.

Introduction To The Financial Markets

By Market Wizard

Regular readers of Pagan Revival should remember one of the editor's favorite quotes: "The only way to beat the capitalist system is to become a capitalist. Being a wage slave and making some other bastard rich is not revolutionary, it is just stupid." Vintage Wyatt!

But what to do? Starting your own business is not easy. Selecting a business that is both profitable enough to be worth your effort and within your capabilities is for many of us an elusive task.

A wide variety of obstacles such as employees, start-up capital, inventories, bureaucratic red tape, marketing, advertising, book keeping, and several other business activities can make having one's own business a pipe dream for most people.

However, there is a business that can be started part time from home, has no employees, does not require dealing with the public, and is the purest form of capitalism: speculating in the financial markets (i.e., the stock market and the commodities futures market.).

The beauty of this endeavor is that there is only one requirement: be on the right side of the market. But it is easier said than done; there are so many ways to screw it up.

For starters, let's deal with a few do's and do not's.

(1). You, and you alone, are responsible for your success or failure. For sure, no one can control the direction of the market, but you have total control over whether to buy, sell, hold, get in or get out.

(2). To really succeed, forget relying on a broker's advice. Think about it. If your broker really knew what he was doing, he would not be just a glorified telemarketer. He would be getting rich trading for his own account. Don't get me wrong. Many stock brokers are great sales people, but letting them fly the plane will only result in them living up to their name and making you brokers. You must decide what markets to trade in and what methods of market analysis you will rely on. More on this later.

(3). Education. As with anything, the more you learn, the better. A detailed book list will be included at the end of the article. For now, let's take a brief look at both the stock and commodity futures market.

The stock market exists for companies to raise capital by attracting investors. By purchasing shares in a company you actually become an owner (albeit on a small percentage scale).

I know that this sounds basic, but if you keep this simple thought in mind, it can help you avoid businesses that are mostly hype. Remember, you are a business partner, not just a shareholder, and you want to invest in a quality business.

The commodity futures markets act as a method of risk transference for producers of everything from crude oil and copper to soy beans and cattle.

An example would be a wheat farmer who needs to make \$400 on a bushel of wheat to profit. Let's assume that now the price of a bushel of wheat is \$400, but there is just one problem—his wheat crop is still in the ground and won't be harvested, until six months from now. By then, who knows where the price of wheat will be.

Price fluctuations due to export demands, planting intentions, available crop acreage, weather, government programs, and a plethora of other reasons cause prices to move constantly and sometimes dramatically.

So, the producer can hedge his price by selling his crop in the futures market. If the price moves up, he will miss out on the additional profit he would have had if he had not locked in his price, but if the price moves down, he won't be hurt. After all, the farmer's business is growing wheat, not speculating in price fluctuations. This is where the speculator comes in.

By buying and selling futures contracts, the speculator hopes to profit, and it doesn't matter if the market moves up or down.

Future articles will discuss: opening up an account, choosing a brokerage firm, fundamental and technical analysis, growth stocks Vs value stock, short selling (the art of profiting from price declines; we can profit from a stock or commodity if it goes up or down, as long as we are on the right side.), crowd psychology, risk management, arbitrage, options, controlling one's emotions and a host of other financial topics. Please address all questions and comments to the editor.

Recommended Book List

Market Wizards and New Market Wizards by Jack Schwager.

He interviews the most successful traders on the planet. Invaluable information on how they think and operate.

Multiply Your Money: A Beginners Guide to Futures/Options Trading by Merrill Oster

As the name implies, a solid beginners level introduction to the futures market.

Technical Analysis of Stock Trends by Robert Edwards and John Magee

One of the bibles of Technical Analysis.

Technical Analysis of the Futures Market by John Murphy

In addition to chart analysis, Murphy introduces how to incorporate several other indicators into your analysis. A complex subject made simple.

The New Contrarian Investment Strategy by David Dreman

The Intelligent Investor by Benjamin Graham

The above two books are, in my opinion, two of the best on value investing—i.e., purchasing undervalued stocks and being patient.

How to Make Money in Stocks by William O'Neil

The flip side of the value coin, this book covers the art of momentum investing—buying high and selling higher.

The Disciplined Trader: Developing Winning Attitudes by Mark Douglas

One of the best books on realizing that the greatest enemy that we face in the market is...ourselves. How to control emotions like fear, greed, and hope.

The Definitive Guide to Future Trading: Volume I and II by Larry Williams.

Written by a man who turned \$10,000 into \$1.1 million in the 1987 Robbins Trading Cup Challenge—what else can I add?

Ravenbok

By L.Stead

INTRODUCTION

Less than a thousand years ago the elders of Iceland made a fateful decision. Under political pressure from Christian Europe and faced with the need for trade, the Allthing or national assembly declared Iceland to be an officially Christian country. Within a few centuries the last remnants of Nordic Paganism, which once stretched through all of Northern Europe were thought dead. However, Iceland was a tolerant country and the myths, stories, and legends of Pagan times were left unburnt to kindle the fires of belief in later generations. In 1972, after a long campaign by poet and Gothi Sveinbjorn Beinteinsson, Iceland once again recognized Nordic Paganism as a legitimate and legal religion.

Iceland and Sweden were the last two bastions of the Pagan religion originally practiced by the people of the various Germanic tribes.

Today Nordic Paganism also known as Odinism, Heathenism, Northern Tradition, or Asatru (an Old-Norse term meaning "loyalty to the Gods") is practiced in virtually all the countries where it originally flourished as well as America and Australia. It is one of a body of religions calling themselves Neo-Paganism which include Druidism, the revival of ancient Celtic Paganism, and Wicca or Neo-Pagan Witchcraft. However Asatru remains largely unknown even within the community of Neo-Pagan believers.

This book is intended as a basic introduction to the beliefs and practices of the Raven Kindred of Asatru. We do not pretend to be experts and won't act as if we were. Rather we are simply believers in the Old Gods seeking to share our practice and research with others who are true to the Aesir. Our aim is to present a simple guide which will allow easy understanding of the principles behind Asatru and to give hints for further study and exploration.

While we attempt to be historically accurate to our religion's roots, it's important to note that there are many things that we simply don't know or which aren't written in stone. It is very important to us to stay as true to the ways of the old Pagans as is possible. While we occasionally need to flesh out our systems where we don't have direct evidence of our ancestors ways, we are not likely to simply make up things. In those places where the various myths, legends, and folklore are not clear, we have tried to indicate this.

The most important thing for modern people to remember about Asatru is that it is a religion. It is not a system of magick or spirituality or "New Age Practice" which can be grafted onto something else or onto which other "systems" can be grafted wholesale. Asatru is a word derived from "As" a God of the Aesir family and "tru" meaning troth.

To be Asatru is to be bound by loyalty and troth to the Old Gods of the North. While we may believe in the deities of other religions and peoples, and even respect them, these are not our Gods. While we may take part in rituals dedicated to other Gods at Pagan festivals or ecumenical gatherings which encompass many other religions, we must not forget that Asatru is our religion and our primary concern. One simply does not collect membership in Asatru (or any other religion) as if one were collecting stamps. Our Gods are real and worthy of our respect. For modern Asatruar, troth also means being loyal to the ways in which our religion was practiced in the past; thus we are not eclectic and tend to focus on learning about our ancestors ways of worshipping. We do not present our way as the only "true" Asatru, but we do feel that all Asatru should be solidly connected to

its roots in ancient Norse practice. Where we do not know the certain answer to a question, there is room for exploration, but not for simply making something up out of whole cloth. While inspiration from the Gods is an important part of our movement, this is not "make believe" and any additions to the historical system should be made with respect to our ancient roots.

Today many people "practice" a number of different religions feeling that this is the best way to avoid intolerance, we have a completely different view of the world. Asatru is not a universal religion. We do not see ourselves as a path for everyone. We are true polytheists and see the world as encompassing many religions which worship many Gods. While we do not deny the beliefs of others, we also do not confuse them with our own. The idea that "it is all one" is anathema to the true Heathen. To claim that Odin is the same God as Zeus is madness. Would one claim that green and red are the same merely because they are both colors? If one disagrees with this perspective or finds it limiting so be it. Our belief is also that Asatru is not a path for everyone and it is better to find ones own way rather than bend the religions of others to fit ourselves.

In accordance with this non-universalist conception, as much as we have been able to, we have not adopted the practices of other Pagan religions or magickal systems. Those familiar with Wicca will note that most modern Neo-Pagan systems are derived from it. This is not the case with Asatru. Our religion began with reconstruction based on written sources dating from the ancient Pagan period. This has been followed by over 20 years of innovation and practice within the Heathen community. While we make no pretensions that this has resulted in a system that is identical with that of our spiritual ancestors, it is at least a system that is our own.

In saying this I would reiterate that we do not put down any religion for it's beliefs. We merely ask for the integrity of our own. We are not rejecting other systems because they are wrong or because we think ill of them, we are rather choosing Asatru because of our love and devotion to it.

THE RITUALS OF ASATRU

The Blot is the most common ritual within Asatru. In its simplest form a blot is making a sacrifice to the Gods. In the old days this was done by feasting on an animal consecrated to the Gods and then slaughtered. As we are no longer farmers and our needs are simpler today, the most common blot is an offering of mead or other alcoholic beverage to the deities.

Many modern folk will be suspicious of a ritual such as this. Rituals which are deemed "sacrifices," such as the blot, have a certain lurid connotation and have been falsely re-interpreted by post-Pagan sources in order to denigrate or trivialize them. The most common myth about ritual sacrifice is that one is buying off a deity e.g. one throws a virgin into the Volcano so it won't erupt. Nothing could be further from the truth. The other common misunderstanding of sacrifice is that the gain some type of energy from the action of killing or the fear or suffering of the animal. This is also untrue, in actuality, if you do any kind of slaughtering--ritual or mundane--correctly there is neither. Our ancient spiritual forebears were slaughtering animals because they were farmers, and sacrifice was simply a sacred manner of doing so and sharing the bounty with the Gods.

The Norse conception of our relationship to the Gods is important in understanding the nature of sacrifice. In Asatru it is believed that we are not only the worshippers of the Gods but that we are spiritually and even physically related to them. The Edas tell of a God, Rig (identified with Heimdall), who went to various farmsteads and fathered the human race so we are physically kin to the Gods. On a more esoteric level, humankind is gifted with "ond" or the gift of ecstasy. Ond is a force that is of the Gods. It is everything that makes humans different from the

other creatures of the world. As creatures with this gift, we are immediately connected to the Gods. We are part of their tribe, their kin. Thus we are not simply buying off the Gods by offering them something that they want, but we are sharing with the Gods something that we all take joy in.

Sharing and gift giving was an important part of most ancient cultures and had magical significance. Leadership was seen as a contract between a Lord and follower. It is said, "A gift demands a gift." A good leader among the Norse was known as a "Ring giver," and it was understood that his generosity and the support of his war-band were linked and part of a complementary relationship. Giving a gift was a sign of friendship, kinship, and connection. Among the runes, *gebo* G encompasses the mystery of the blot. In English, the rune is named "gift," and the two lines intersecting are representative of the two sides of a relationship both giving to each other. By sharing a blot with the Gods we reaffirm our connection to them and thus reawaken their powers within us and their watchfulness over our world.

A blot can be a simple affair where a horn of mead is consecrated to the Gods and then poured as a libation, or it can be a part of a larger ritual. A good comparison is the Catholic Mass which may be part of a regular service or special event such as a wedding or funeral, or it may be done as a purely magical-religious practice without any sermon, hymns, or other trappings. The blot consists of three parts, the hallowing or consecrating of the offering, the sharing of the offering, and the libation. Each of these is equally important. The only physical objects required are mead, beer or juice; a horn or chalice; a sprig of evergreen used to sprinkle the mead; and a ceremonial bowl, known as a *Hlautbowl*, into which the initial libation will be made.

The blot begins with the consecration of the offering. The *Gothi* (Priest) or *Gythia* (Priestess) officiating at the blot invokes the God or Goddess being honored. This is usually accomplished by a spoken declaration with ones arms being held above ones head in the shape of the rune *Elhaz* Z. (This posture is used for most invocations and prayers throughout Asatru.) After the spoken invocation an appropriate rune or other symbol of the God or Goddess may be drawn in the air with the finger or with the staff. Once the God is invoked, the *Gothi* takes up the horn. His assistant pours mead from the bottle into the horn. The *Gothi* then traces the hammer sign (an upside down T) over the horn as a blessing and holds it above his head offering it to the Gods. He then speaks a request that the God or Goddess bless the offering and accept it as a sacrifice. At the least one will feel the presence of the deity; at best one will be able to feel in some inner way the God taking of the mead and drinking it.

The mead is now not only blessed with divine power, but has passed the lips of the God or Goddess. The *Gothi* then takes a drink of the horn and it is passed around the gathered folk. In our modern rituals each person toasts the deity before they drink. Although this sounds like a very simple thing, it can be a very powerful experience. At this point the mead is no longer simply a drink but is imbued with the blessing and power of the God or Goddess being honored. When one drinks, one is taking that power into oneself. After the horn has made the rounds once, the *Gothi* again drinks from the horn and then empties the remainder into the *hlautbowl*. The *Gothi* then takes up the evergreen sprig and his assistant the *Hlautbowl* and the *Gothi* sprinkles the mead around the circle or temple or onto the altar. If there are a great number of the folk gathered, one may wish to drop the drinking and merely sprinkle the various folk with the mead as a way of sharing it. In a small group one might eliminate the sprinkling and merely drink as the blessing.

When this is done the *Hlautbowl* is taken by the *Gothi* and poured out onto the ground. This is done as an offering not only to the God invoked at the blot, but it is also traditional to remember the *Nerthus*, the Earth Goddess, at this time, since it is being poured onto her ground. Many invocations mention the God, Goddess, or spirit being sacrificed to, and then Mother Earth, as

in the *Sigrdrifa* Prayer

"Hail to the Gods and to the Goddesses as well; Hail Earth that gives to all men." (*Sigrdrifumal* 3) With this action, the blot is ended.

Obviously this is a very sparse ritual and if performed alone could be completed in only a few minutes. This is as it should be, for blots are often poured not because it is a time of gathering or festivity for the folk, but because the blot must be poured in honor or petition of a God or Goddess on their holiday or some other important occasion.

For example, a father tending his sick child might pour a blot to *Eir* the Goddess of healing. Obviously he doesn't have time to waste on the "trappings" of ritual. The intent is to make an offering to the Goddess as quickly as possible. At some times a full celebration might not be made of a holiday because of a persons hectic schedule, but at the least a short blot should be made to mark the occasion.

However, in most cases a blot will at least be accompanied by a statement of intent at the beginning and some sort of conclusion at the end. It might also be interspersed with or done at the conclusion of ritual theater or magic.

One important thing to note about any Asatru ritual is that ours is a holistic religion. We do not limit our Gods or spirituality to a certain time and place. While the sacrament of the blot is usually poured as part of a ceremony, the feast afterwards, singing of sacred songs, reciting of poetry, toasts at mealtime, *Morris Dancing*, etc are all part of our religion. At the first *Raven-Thing*, our annual festival, we began with a great feast, then we held a blot ritual which involved a mystery play of *Thor* and the *Frost-Giants*.

Afterwards, we held a *sumbel*. All the gathered folk sat for the first three rounds dedicated to the Gods, Heroes, and Ancestors, but afterwards people came and went (politely and quietly) as they wished.

The atmosphere of the whole evening was one of ritual and celebration. When done appropriately, there's no disconnection between the parts. Asatru is also a very vibrant, intense, and somewhat rowdy religion.

Invocations to the Gods, particularly outside, are often shouted at the top of ones lungs, and are punctuated by loud "Hails!" which are echoed by the folk. When someone in an Asatru ritual says "Hail!" or hails a God ("Hail *Odin*!" for example) it's appropriate to repeat after them in a similar tone and loudness.

The Sumbel: One of the most common celebrations noted in tales of our ancestors is the *Sumbel* or ritual drinking celebration. This was a more mundane and social sort of ritual than the blot, but of no less importance.

When *Beowulf* came to *Hrothgar*, the first thing they did was to drink at a ritual *sumbel*. This was a way of establishing *Beowulf's* identity and what his intent was, and doing so in a sacred and traditional manner.

The *sumbel* is actually quite simple. The guests are seated, usually in some formal fashion, and the host begins the *sumbel* with a short statement of greeting and intent, and by offering the first toast. The horn is then passed around the table and each person makes their toasts in turn. At the *sumbel* toasts are drunk to the Gods, as well as to a persons ancestors or personal heroes.

Rather than a toast, a person might also offer a brag or some story, song, or poem that has significance. The importance is that at the end of the toast, story, or whatever, the person offering it drinks from the horn, and in doing so "drinks in" what he spoke.

The *sumbel* is also an important time for the folk to get to know each other in a more intimate way than most people are willing to share. Modern society is at two extremes. At one end are the emotionless beings who have been robbed of their soul by modern industrial secular culture. On the other side are those pathetic "sensitive New-Age guys" who spend their lives consciously attempting to stir their emotions and who force an unnatural level

of intimacy between themselves and others. There are some levels of emotional intimacy which are not meant to be openly shared with strangers. Doing so reduces their meaning to the mundane. At sumbel, barriers can be lowered in a place which is sacred to the Gods and the Folk. Thoughts can be shared among companions and friends without embarrassment or forced intimacy.

One format for the sumbel with a history in tradition is to drink three rounds. The first is dedicated to the Gods, the second to great heroes of the folk such as historical figures or heroes from the sagas, and the third to personal ancestors, heroes, or friends which have passed from this world.

Another theme for a sumbel is past, present, and future. This type of sumbel is more of a magical ritual than one of celebration. The idea is to make toasts which bring up some aspect of your past and present situation, and a third toast or brag which represents your wishes for the future. One might make a toast to the first Asatru ritual one attended as the past, a second to the companions and kindred then gathered, and for his third toast might state that he intends to be initiated as a Gothi in the coming year. The purpose would be to link the coming event of his initiation with the two already accomplished events of pledging Asatru and finding a kindred -- two other important rites of passage. In this case initiation as a Gothi then becomes something which is linked to a chain of events that have already occurred, rather than an isolated action which might occur. Thus magically, this moves the person towards his goal.

A third and everpopular type of sumbel is a free-for-all where stories are told, toasts are made, and bragging is done until all the gathered Odinists are under the table. Perhaps this is not quite so esoteric or purposeful as the previous ideas, but it's certainly in keeping with the examples of our Gods and ancestors. In any case, no matter how relaxed a sumbel has become, I have never seen one that was merely a drinking event. Some of the most intense experiences I have had with people have come from such "open ended" sumbels. These are only ideas. The sumbel is a very freeform type of thing and the framework is very simple to adapt. The blot and sumbel make up the mainstream of our modern Asatru tradition. This does not mean that they are the only rituals that modern Asatru perform, but in one way or another most rituals revolve around one or both of these "generic" ceremonies.

Profession is one of the most important ceremonies in Asatru. To Profess one's belief in and kinship to the Gods should be an important turning point in one's life and the beginning of a new understanding of the self. Profession is, however, a very simple and rather short ceremony. In our kindred we usually profess people during a regular meeting, but either before or after the blot offering.

Profession is not an occult or initiatory ceremony. It is nothing less than its name: one professes (declares, affirms) his wish to become one of the Asafolk. This oath is usually taken by the Kindred-Gothi on the oath ring or some other Holy object as follows:

The Gothi stands in front of the altar and says "Will [insert name here] please come forward." After he or she does so "Are you here of your own free will? Is it your intention to solemnly swear allegiance and kinship to the Gods of Asgard, the Aesir and Vanir?" If the answer to both these questions is in the affirmative the Gothi takes up the oath ring (or some other holy object upon which oaths are sworn) and holds it out to the person professing and says "Repeat after me. I swear to ever uphold the Raven Banner of Asgard, to follow the way of the North, to always act with honor and bravery, and to be ever true to the Aesir and Vanir and to Asatru. By the Gods I so swear. By my honor I so swear. On this Holy Ring I so swear. Hail the Gods." The kindred then replies "Hail the Gods!" and the Gothi finishes

"Then be welcome to the service of Asgard and the Folk of the Asatru."

The essence of Profession is making a commitment to Asatru. It should not be undertaken without thought and prayer. When one Professes, one is leaving behind other faiths. If one isn't yet comfortable in doing this, then Profession should be put off, perhaps indefinitely. It should be reiterated here that there should be absolutely no pressure put on people to Profess. False or coerced Professions merely cheapen the ritual and the commitment that it represents. It should also be said that Asatru ritual is open to anyone. You do not need to have undergone a ritual of Profession in order to attend kindred events or worship the Gods.

There may be other celebrations connected to a Profession, just as other religions hold Bar Mitzvah or Confirmation parties. When someone joins our kindred, we hold a Sumbel of nine rounds, each dedicated to one of the values of Asatru (see below) and toast those values to the new kinsman.

THE ASATRU VE

There are probably as many modern theories of what an ancient Norse Ve or Hof (temple, holy place) looked like as there were ancient Norse temples. I've heard everything (with full scholarly accompaniment) from groves in the woods to constructed buildings which were the basis for the later Stave Churches of Scandinavia. In general, I think the multiplicity of descriptions throughout the history of our folk indicates that our people were of a wide and practical mind about what should be present in a temple and what form it should take. Our modern practice tends to reflect this.

The first distinction we might make in our modern practice is between altars that people have in their homes, and the setup of the rooms that we perform group rituals in. For rituals, we tend to use any place which is large enough to fit everyone into. We try to mask the normal use of the room, which in the past has included such things as covering the television set with a cloth and moving some of the more obtrusive furniture out of the room. The one other preparatory thing that I can't recommend highly enough indoors is to line the room with candles and get rid of any artificial lights. The darkness isn't an important part of the religious elements of the ritual, but it gets rid of a lot of distractions.

The altar itself is actually a rather simple affair. We usually commandeer a small table for this purpose. There's no specific setup for an altar in Asatru, other than it should look pleasant and hold all the implements you will need during the ritual.

Other than whatever sanctification rite (hammer rite) you wish to do in order to consecrate your space, there's nothing else to be done: no squiggly Hebrew letters inscribed on the edges of a 9' circle, no alchemical elements or "quarter castings." The layout of the folk during ones rituals is determined by your space--there's no magical formula that requires a circle or any other shape. If the room is square, arrange people in a square. We tend to form up in a semi-circle with the altar in the front, and the Gothi and Valkyrie on either side of the altar.

Of course, whatever else one wishes to do to decorate ones ritual space is up to them. I know people who have decent sized statues of the Gods. Our kindred has a kindred banner (The Raven Banner!) which we usually hang behind the altar. Pictures of the Gods, statuary, etc are all appropriate.

When one is outside, other considerations come into place. I would not recommend doing ritual outside at night or in darkness, unless one has been at the site during the day and/or one is planning on spending the night. Getting to the site and setting up in the dark tends to take too much time and detracts from the overall experience. I highly recommend rituals at dusk, or if you can drag your kinsmen out of bed, at dawn. Holding a Balder-blot, and meditating on his loss and the temporal nature of life while watching the setting sun is a truly incredible experience.

The best places to hold rituals tend to be in groves that are sufficiently mature for the shade to have killed off most of the ground vegetation (traditionally the continental Germans held their rituals in groves) or open fields where one can see the sky. Check that the space you have selected is reasonably flat and that if you plan on people sitting down that the ground is dry and without poison ivy. Unless you have a firepit, I don't recommend a fire--it's more trouble than it's worth. Forget candles and incense.

These can be useful psychological aids indoors, but outside they look ridiculous--I'll never forget the ridiculous image of a Wiccan ritual I attended during which a person with utter seriousness and pomp carried a single stick of incense around the ritual site.

Most everyone I know who is a practicing Pagan of any type has some type of space set aside in their home for occasional honoring of the Gods. In some ways this may be a more important thing to concentrate on than the setup of your Ve for group ritual work because the form of your home altar takes the place of the ritual trappings found when working with a group. The major purposes of a home altar are to remind one of the place of the Gods in ones life, and to provide a convenient and regular place to make occasional offerings and prayers to the Gods.

Home altars tend to be very eclectic. In our home, we have the top of a bookshelf set aside with an altar holding our usual ritual tools, and a few candles. We have another friend who has no permanent shrine, but carries a statue of Thor in a small wooden box. One side of the box can be removed to display Thor, and under the God's seat is a small piece of lava taken from Thingvellir. It's not necessary to have all or any of the tools for the blot on ones home altar, unless one plans to perform full blots at it. Offerings in the home tend to be candles or incense; not traditional, but simple and part of our modern culture.

THE HOLIDAYS

The ancient Norse knew four major holidays the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes which we call Summer and Winter Finding, and the two solstices which we call Midsummer and Yule. However, there were many other minor festivals and modern Asatru have added even more. A calendar of Raven Kindred rituals is provided in an appendix and I also encourage anyone to find as many as one is willing to meet for.

We meet monthly, but some groups meet 8 times a year and also celebrate the cross-quarter days of May Day/Walpurgis, Halloween/Samhain, February eve or The Charming of the Plow, and Lammastide or Freyfaxi,

Most of our rituals also honor only one or a few Gods or Goddesses at any one time. However, there is no reason why the entire pantheon should not be offered prayers and thanks at any occasion. This would be particularly appropriate at the major holidays. Unlike most other groups in the Neo-Pagan movement, we do not necessarily honor Gods in male/female pairs. The boy/girl notion is one taken from the Pagan fertility religion of Wicca and isn't necessarily appropriate to our Gods, who often represent things other than fertility. So while a Spring ritual held in honor of Freya and Frey as fertility deities might wish to honor them together, there is no reason to include Frigg in a ritual dedicated to Odin as the God of War.

Yule

Yule is the most important holiday of the year. Everyone is familiar with the shortness of the deep winter days, but in the Scandinavian countries this is of even greater importance. At the Yuletide there is almost no sunlight at all, and the climate would have people bound in their homes waiting for the return of Spring.

Yule is a long festival, traditionally held to be 12 days or more.

After Yule the days began to get longer and the festival represented the breaking of the heart of winter and the beginning of the new year.

Yule was the holiday of either Thor or Frey, although there is no reason not to honor both Gods in modern practice.

Frey is the God of fertility and farming and was honored at Yule in the hopes that his time would soon return. Frey is also an important God at this time as shown in the myth "The Wooing of Gerd." Gerd is Frey's wife, and she was once a frost giant. Frey had seen her while he was seated on Odin's High Seat, and was utterly taken by her, but she would not yield until Skirnir, Frey's messenger or perhaps Frey in disguise, threatened her with an eternity of cold. In this way, Frey brings back the summer times by wooing a daughter of cold and frost.

His love for her brings warmth to her heart and to the land.

Thor's position at Yule is a bit more savage. He is the sworn enemy of the Frost Giants and Jotnar who rule the winter months, and as such is honored as the God who's actions fight off these creatures and bring back the spring.

Our kindred also honors Sunna, the Sun Goddess, at Yule. However, we feel she is more important at Midsummer, when she is at her height.

The most important symbols of Yule are still with us today. Most of the supposedly secular customs of Christmas are actually Pagan in origin. Evergreen trees and holly which remained green throughout the long nights and cold were a promise that spring would once again return to the land. These symbols may also have been a connection to the nature spirits who have sway over the return of the warm days. The modern conception of Santa Claus as an elf, for whom offerings of milk and cookies are left, is possibly a modern continuation of leaving offerings for the Alvar and other nature spirits. The idea of children staying up all night in the hopes of catching a glimpse of Santa Claus may be a remnant of people staying awake to mark the long night and remind the sun to return. (In the latter case it's considered an adequate substitution to leave a candle going all night to light the way for the returning sun.)

Yule is a weeks long festival, not just a single holiday. The Yule season begins on the solstice, which is the Mother Night of Yule, and ends with Twelfth Night on January sixth. As a point of interest, January seventh is St. Distaff's day, which Nigel Pennick has suggested may have been a day sacred to Frigg, whose symbol is the distaff.

While one might expect a rather dour theme to a holiday held in the darkness and cold, Yule is a time of feasting and gladness.

The most important custom at Yule for modern Pagans is the swearing of Yule oaths. Our kindred does this at Twelfth Night (aka New Years Eve). We hold a sumbel and we keep the Yule wreath handy for anyone who wishes to swear an oath for the coming year.

There are simply so many different Yule customs, both ancient and modern, that one has almost limitless possibilities even when staying within Scandanavian and Germanic customs. In modern practice one might honor Sunna on the Mother Night, then hold a blot a few days later to Thor, a feast for New Years day which is shared with the house and land spirits, and then finish on Twelfth Night with a ritual to Frey, whose time is then officially beginning.

Summer Finding

Summer Finding is also known to many groups as Ostara, the holiday sacred to the Goddess for whom the modern Easter is named. She is a fertility Goddess and her symbols are the hare and the egg. She was an important Goddess of spring to the ancient Saxons, but we know little else of her other than this. Some have suggested that Ostara is merely an alternate name for Frigg or Freya, but neither of these Goddesses seem to have quite the

same fertility function as Ostara does. Frigg seems too "high class" to be associated with such an earthy festival and Freya's form of fertility is more based on eroticism than reproduction.

The obvious folk tradition at this time of year involves eggs. These were colored as they are today, but then they were buried, or more appropriately, planted in the earth. Some have suggested that the act was purely magical, the fertility of the eggs would then be transferred from the animal realm to the plant realm and would increase the prosperity of the harvest. It's also possible that they were left as an offering to the alvar and the spirits of the plants.

In any case a blot should be prepared to the Goddess of Spring, however one wishes to honor her, and also to the spirits of the land.

Midsummer Day

The summer solstice was second only to Yule in importance to the ancient Northmen. Some groups mark this day as sacred to Balder, but we disagree with this. While Balder can be seen as a dying and resurrected Sun God, in the mythology we are most familiar with, he does not return to life until Ragnarok and it seems like "bad karma" to symbolically kill the sun when you know Baldr doesn't come back until the end of the world. Instead, we mark this day as sacred to the Goddess Sunna, who is literally the sun.

One idea for midsummer is to remain awake all night and mark the shortest night of the year, then at sunrise to perform a "Greeting of Sunna" and a blot to her.

Another midsummer custom is the rolling of a flaming wagon wheel down a hill to mark the turning of the wheel of the year. If fire would otherwise be a hazard, one could parade a wheel covered with candles for similar effect. It is also a time for general merriment and in the Scandinavian countries many of what we know as the traditional May Day rituals such as May Poles and Morris Dances were celebrated at Midsummer rather than in May.

In our area Midsummer occurs during a large local Pagan festival, and we have gone all out in making it a major holiday with blot, sumbel, feasting and drinking. We are currently in the process of constructing a "sun ship" which, with sails of copper reflecting the light from small torches, represents Sunna will be brought forth at dawning and dusk.

Winter Finding

I have not come across a great deal of distinctive traditional lore about the Autumn Equinox that would distinguish it from the Harvest festivals found worldwide. It seems to have been overshadowed to some extent by the Winter Nights which we celebrate at the equinox rather than at the more traditional time of mid-November.

Winter Finding should be treated as a general harvest festival. Whichever Gods you invoke for fertility of the land would be most appropriate to invoke again at this time. We have honored Frey & Freya and Nerthus & Njord for this purpose. You can take your pick.

Even more so than other holidays, a large feast is appropriate at this time, perhaps concentrating on local vegetables and grains more than meat.

Winter Nights

The Winter Nights are the traditional festival honoring the Disir or family spirits. It is a time to remember your family, the dead, and your ancestors. (For more information on the Disir see the chapter "Elves and other Spirits.")

A Freyablot may be performed at this time as Freya is known as the Vanadis (i.e. the Dis of the Vanir) or the Great Dis, and she seems to be the Goddess of the Disir themselves. This is probably connected to Freya's position as recipient of half the battle-slain or her ability with seidhr. One might also simply want to honor the Disir as a whole, or attempt to summon and pour offering to your own family's Dis. A sumbel which toasts ones ancestors and passed on friends would also be in order. If a feast is held, it should be quiet and respectful of the character of the season. Another idea is a silent "mum feast," a custom which is found the world over.

The various Halloween customs such as dressing in costume or celebrating this time as a time where the worlds of the living and the dead connect are more Celtic in origin than Nordic and probably should not be part of an Asatru celebration.

THE GODS OF ASGARD

The Old Norse reckoned that there were three races of Gods: the Aesir, the Vanir, and the Jotnar. The Aesir are those beings most often referred to in the ancient literature simply as "the Gods," in fact the word "As" means "God." They are the Gods of society, representing things such as Kingship, Craft, etc. The Vanir are more closely connected to the earth and represent the fecundity of the land and the natural forces which help mankind. Once there was a great war between the Aesir and the Vanir, but this was eventually settled and Frey, Freya, and Njord came to live with the Aesir to seal the peace. The Jotnar are a third race of Gods and at constant war with the Aesir, but there is not and never will be peace in this battle. The Jotnar are never called Gods, but rather referred to as giants. They represent the natural forces of chaos and destruction as the Aesir represent forces of order and society. Just as fire and ice mix to form the world, this creative interaction of chaos and order maintains the balance of the world. In the end the two sides will meet in the great battle of Ragnarok and the world will be destroyed, only to be reborn.

The Norse notion of the Gods was very much involved with tribalism.

The Aesir are the Gods of the tribe or clan. The Vanir are those Gods who are allied with the clan, but who are not part of it. The Jotnar or Giants are the "outlanders" or more simply everyone else.

The Norse Gods were not held to be all powerful or immortal. Their youth was maintained very precariously by the magickal apples of the Goddess Idunna. More importantly at the end of the world a good number of the Gods will die in battle. The Northern view of the world was a practical one with little assurance for the future and little perfection and the Gods are no exception. It is very important to understand that the Gods are real and living beings. They are not mere personifications of natural forces, nor are they Jungian archetypes that dwell only in our minds--although Jung's work may be helpful in understanding them. Those divinities who we call "Gods" (i.e., the Aesir and Vanir) are also "personal deities" who take an active interest in the affairs of mankind, and seek relationships with their followers. This is important to remember when we perform ceremonies or pray to the Gods. They aren't magical symbols to be manipulated, nor is our religion some type of giant cosmic vending machine where sacrifices are inserted and blessings come out. The Gods are living beings and offer us benefits because we are their friends and companions.

The Gods in the Temple: Odin, Thor, and Frey

The three most important Gods were held to be Odin, Thor, and Frey.

These were the deities whose statues stood at the altar of the

temple at Upsalla. They are considered the most important because of what they represent. Mythologer Georges Dumézil has linked these three deities with the three classes of Indo-European culture: the Kings, the Warriors, and the Farmers. Although the fit is not an exact one, it is probably true that these three deities most concretely symbolized the various aspects of Norse life and culture and most people would have found a God who represented their life-experience in one of these three deities.

Odin is the Allfather, remembered today best as a God of war and of the berserk rage of the Vikings. However, he has other aspects which are just as strong or stronger. In the Eddas, he is the leader of the Gods, but this is a position which most of the Germanic peoples attributed to Tyr. It's likely that Odin only became ruler during the Viking Age, when a God of wile rather than strict justice was more necessary. Being the Allfather, his original position of leadership was probably familial rather than legislative. Most importantly he is a God of transcendent wisdom and in relation to that a God of magick. He is the God of the Runes, the magical alphabet which holds the mysteries of the universe within it. In most of the non-Viking countries, Odin's warrior aspect was played down. In England, where he is known as Woden, he is a gray cloaked wanderer (the inspiration for Tolkien's Gandalf) who travels the country, usually alone, surveying his land. Here again we see him in the position of a father figure, a warder of the land but not necessarily a King. Odin is also a God of the dead. Half of the slain in battles go to him to prepare for the Ragnarok. (The remaining half go to Freya.) He also has associations with the dead as a practitioner of Seidhr, a form of shamanic magick which he learned from Freya and used on various occasions to travel to Hel and seek the knowledge of those who have passed from this world. It's difficult to classify Odin simply because he was such a popular God during the last stages of Norse Paganism and thus absorbed many traits of other Gods.

Thor is probably the best known of the Norse Gods. He is a simple God, the patron of farmers and other folk who are "wise, but not too wise" as the Eddas advise us to be. Thor is best known for wandering the world in search of adventure; usually found in the form of giants or other monsters to kill. He possesses tremendous strength and the hammer Mjolnir, which was made for him by the Dwarfs. Mjolnir is considered to be the Gods' greatest treasure because it is sure protection from the forces of chaos. Using Mjolnir, Thor is a warrior figure, but he is less a professional warrior than a common man called upon to defend his land. He loves battle not for itself as do the berserkers of Odin, nor does he have a strong code of honor such as that of Tyr--in fact he chronically breaks with honor and kills giants whether they have the protection of "hospitality" or not. Thor is associated with thunder, and is also the God of rain and storms, but it's important to note that he is not the God of destructive storms.

Thor is nature as a benefit to man. The Jotnar are held to be the source of the destruction found in nature. Thor was the God of "everyman." He was simple in purpose, strong, and free. He was most beloved of the freemen farmers who populated the Germanic lands.

Frey is a God of peace and fertility. If Thor is the God of the farmer, then Frey is the God of the crops themselves. He is a God of the Vanir, but lives with the Aesir to secure their treaty with the Vanir. His symbol is the priapus and his blessings were sought at planting and other important agricultural festivals. The word "frey" means "Lord" and it's unsure if this is the Gods name or his title. He is also known as Ing or Ingvi, so some have speculated his title is properly Frey Ingvi--Lord Ingvi. We do not know a great deal more about Frey as few myths have survived which give us any insight into his character. As much as he is a God of fertility, he is also a God of peace and Ing was said to have brought a Golden Age of peace and prosperity to old Denmark. Horses are held to be sacred to Frey, probably because of fertility

connections.

Goddesses

In general we know much less about how our ancestors worshipped the Goddesses than the Gods. Later Norse culture was very bound up with the vikings and it is likely that the Goddesses were deemphasized at this point. More importantly, virtually all the mythology we have today was recorded during the Christian period and Christian culture had little respect for women, least of all independent and strong women like those of Nordic society.

Freya is the most important of the Goddesses or at least that Goddess about which we know the most. She is the sister of Frey and along with him was sent to live with the Aesir in order to seal a peace agreement. Freya is a Goddess with two distinct sides to her. First, she is the Goddess of love and beauty and second a Goddess of war who shares the battle-slain with Odin. Unlike our modern culture, the ancients saw no contradiction in this. She was also a sorceress who practiced the shamanic magick known as Seidhr, which she taught to Odin. Freya is the Goddess most often invoked by independent women. While she is a Goddess of beauty, she is not dependent on men as is the stereotype of so many love Goddesses, but is strong and fiercely independent. She is also known as the Great Dis and probably has connections to the family spirits known as the Disir. In many ways she is like Odin in that she is a Goddess of many functions which are not always obviously related. In modern Asatru, many groups have placed Freya alongside Odin and Thor on the altar, in place of her twin brother Frey.

Frigg is a most misunderstood Goddess. She is the wife of Odin and many people are too willing to let her be known simply as that.

However, the old Norse had a much different idea of the place of women and of marriage in general. While marriages for love were certainly known, marriage was also a business and social arrangement and there were important duties for a wife. These were symbolized by a set of keys which hung at the belt of all "goodwives." This symbolized that the home was under the control of the woman of the house, who was equal to her husband. Today we think these duties as very minor, but a thousand years ago they were far from trivial. Up until this century most of Europe lived in extended families. A house, especially a hall of a warrior, was not a small building with a nuclear family, but an entire settlement with outbuildings, servants, slaves, and an entire clan. The wife of the house was in charge of stores and trading with other clans. It was she that saw to the upkeep of the farm, the balancing of the books, and even to the farming itself if her husband was away trading or making war. It was as much a job of managing a business as it was being a "wife." For these reasons Frigg is still very important and can easily be invoked beyond the home. She would, for example, be a natural patron for someone who owned a business. Frigg also shares a lot of characteristics with her husband. She is the only other God who is allowed to sit in Odin's seat from which can be seen all that goes on in the nine worlds. It is said that she knows the future, but remains silent, which is entirely in keeping with the way women of the time exercised their power: namely indirectly. While in a better world this might not be necessary, it is still an important tool for women who must exist in a world where men are sometimes threatened by them.

While Freya is a Goddess who acts independent of "traditional" roles, Frigg is a Goddess who works within those roles, but still maintains her power and independence.

Other Gods

There are of course many other Gods and Goddesses. Some of these have important places in the myths, while some others are

mentioned only once along with their function.

Loki

The most perplexing God of Asgard is Loki. He was probably originally a fire God, but he is best known as the troublemaker of Asgard. In various minor scrapes Loki arranges to get the Gods into trouble, usually by giving away their treasures and then arranging to return them. This is very much in the traditional role of a trickster, who keeps things interesting by causing trouble. However, it's sometimes difficult to see Loki merely as a trickster because his actions are sometimes simply too evil to be ignored. Balder was the most beautiful and beloved of the Gods and a pledge was extracted from all the things in the world that they would not harm him. The sole exception to this was the mistletoe which was deemed too tiny to be a threat. Amused by his invulnerability, the Gods took turns throwing objects at Balder, which of course had no effect on him. Loki took the blind God Hod and put a spring of mistletoe in his hands and guided him to throw it. The dart pierced Balder's breast and he died.

Later a deal was arranged wherein Balder would be allowed to return to life if all the creatures of the world would weep for him. Only one refused, an ogress who said she cared not a whit for Balder when he was alive and thought him just as well off dead. The ogress is believed to have been Loki in disguise. For these actions Loki was chained beneath the earth and it was arranged that venom would drip upon him in punishment that would last until the end of the world.

With the death of Balder, Loki goes beyond the level of trickster and becomes a truly evil figure. It is known that when Ragnarok comes, Loki will lead the legions of chaos against the Aesir and bring about the end of the world.

Indeed Loki's actions certainly do seem harsh, but they are entirely in keeping with the Norse way of looking at things. One of the functions of a trickster God is to keep things from becoming stagnant.

The trickster causes trouble so that people may evolve, for nothing brings about ingenuity like need. The Norse did not believe anything was eternal. In the end even the Gods would die in the battle of Ragnarok, which would also destroy the world. Balder's invulnerability was not natural. As the Edda says "Cattle die, and men die, and you too shall die..." It was deemed much more wise and valiant by the Norse to live up to one's fate than to try to avoid it.

It would likewise be unnatural to return from the dead. One can see Loki as merely acting as an agent of nature to return things to their normal and correct course. In such a view, it was not an act of evil, but an intervention to stop an evil against the natural order.

Likewise Ragnarok must come. It is in the nature of the world to be destroyed and then be reborn.

On the other hand, Loki is a God of darkness. As far as we know Loki was never worshipped, at least not in the same way as the other Gods were. Recognition of his action and his place in the universe is essential, but Gods of this type are seldom welcome. It is "fashionable" today to laugh at trickster Gods and see them as a sort of jester figure, but we must not forget that their nature is much darker than this even when it does serve a purpose. Change is important, but nothing changes the world faster and more thoroughly than war.

Tyr

While seldom reckoned today among the most popular of the Gods, Tyr is extremely important. He is the God of battle, of jus-

tice, and (secondary to Odin) of Kingship. The most important myth concerning Tyr shows both his bravery and honor. He gave his hand as surety to the Fenris Wolf that no trickery was involved in the Gods binding of him. When the fetter in fact did bind the wolf, Tyr lost his hand.

The honor and reliance on ones word is often overlooked in this myth in favor of an interpretation of self sacrifice. However, throughout the myths various deals are made and the Aesir easily get out of them.

It's likely that Tyr could have escaped his fate as well, but one's word is one's word and thus Tyr lost his hand because it was less valuable to him than his honor and word. Tyr was held to be the God of the Thing or assembly. While the ancient Norse were not truly democratic, and in fact held slaves, within the noble class all were reckoned to be roughly equal. The Thing was a place where the landholders would meet for trade and to iron out disputes among them, in the hope of avoiding feuds. Tyr was originally the chieftain of the Aesir and the God of Kingship, but he has been gradually supplanted by Odin, especially during the Viking Age. It is likely this was because of Tyr's strong sense of honor and justice. For raiding and pillaging, Odin, the God of the berserker rage, was a much better patron than Tyr, the God of honorable battle. This is an important thing to note about Northern religion: it is extremely adaptable. There are not hard and fast rules about who is what and while the nature of the Gods cannot be changed they are more than happy to have the aspects most important to their worshippers emphasized. Just as a person uses different skills and "becomes a different person" when they move or change jobs, so the Gods too have adapted to new climates and needs.

Baldr

While we only know the myth of Balder's death, it is clear that he was a God of some importance. Unfortunately, modern writers, coming from a Christian background, have tried to turn Balder into a Christ figure. Balder was a God of beauty and goodness, but his name also translates as "warrior." It is a mistake to turn him into a "Norse Jesus." The mere fact that he died and will return after Ragnarok is not enough for this equation. Another interpretation of Balder is that of the dying and resurrected God of the Sun. This also seems a mistake, as Balder does not return from the land of death. It makes a poor symbol to honor Balder on solar holidays, lest the sun not return! The remaining major interpretation of Balder is as a God of mystic initiation. While this fits to some extent, we unfortunately no longer know. The equation with Christ has wiped out a great deal of lore about Balder and we are left to rediscover his place in our modern practice.

Minor Gods

Of the other important Gods, Heimdall is the guardian of Asgard. He, as Rig, is also one of the Gods who fathered mankind. Njord is the God of sailing and sailors. Unless one travels on the sea, he is probably of little importance to you, but if one does sail, he is your natural patron. If Njord is the God of sailing and of man's use of the sea, then Aegir is the God of the sea itself. He is married to Ran who takes drowned sailors to her home after their death. Aegir is considered to be the greatest of brewers, and our kindred honors him in a special holiday due to the importance of mead in our modern religion. Bragi is a much overlooked God who is the patron of tale-tellers and bards. Other Gods more or less overlooked in the myths include Forseti, who renders the best judgments, Ull, a God of hunting who is the male counter to Skadi, Vithar, the son of Thor who is as strong as his father, Vali, Odin's son who will avenge his fathers death at Ragnarok, and

Hod, the blind God who was led to slay Balder.

While we might say that certain Gods are more important than others, this is in many ways not accurate. We would be better served to say that some are more popular. The Norse concept of the relationship between men and Gods was one of friendship. A man would honor all the Gods as worthy and existent, but would usually find one as his special patron. It is not surprising, considering this, that Thor is the most popular of Gods. If the average person was searching for a God very much like himself, Thor would be the obvious choice. Likewise, a God such as Njord would have been extremely important to sailors and fishermen, but would have been almost completely unimportant as a patron to inlanders. The less well known Gods are just as powerful as their more well known contemporaries, they merely have power over a less well known aspect of life.

There are also many Goddesses other than Frigg and Freya, but we know very little of them. Eir was said to be the greatest of healers, and is for this reason very important. There is no healer God as the ancients held that medicine was a craft for women and not for men, but modern male healers should certainly invoke her. While Skadi has a very small part in the myths, many modern Asafolk find her a compelling figure. She is the snow-shoe Goddess, who travels in the isolated mountains hunting with her bow. She is married to Njord, but they are separated as Njord can't abide the mountains, and Skadi can't sleep in Njord's hall where she is kept awake by the pounding of the sea. She is an excellent role model for women who work alone and who are independently minded. Oaths are sworn to the Goddess Var, but little else is known of her. Lofn might some day be of importance to you, she is known to bring together lovers who are kept apart by circumstance.

I have merely touched upon the Gods here. It is important for everyone who would practice the religion of the North to get to know the myths and the Gods. An appendix is included which outlines various sources for more information.

The Jotnar

The Jotnar or giants are the sworn enemies of the Gods. While the Aesir represent order and the Vanir represent the supportive powers of nature, the Jotnar represent chaos and the power of nature to destroy man and act independent of humankind. In the end, it is the Jotnar who will fight the Gods at Ragnarok and bring about the destruction of the world.

In essence despite being called Giants or Ogres, the Jotnar are Gods just as much as the Aesir or Vanir. In many cases they correspond very closely to the Fomoir in Celtic mythology. Most simply put, the Jotnar are the Gods of all those things which man has no control over.

The Vanir are the Gods of the growing crops, the Jotnar are the Gods of the river which floods and washes away those crops or the tornado which destroys your entire farm. This is why they are frightening and this is why we hold them to be evil.

The Jotnar are not worshipped in modern Asatru, but there is some evidence that sacrifices were made to them in olden times. In this case, sacrifices may very well have been made "to them" rather than shared "with them" as was the case with the Vanir and Aesir. It would be inappropriate to embrace them as friends and brothers in the way we embrace our Gods. One doesn't embrace the hurricane or the wildfire; it is insanity to do so.

As I've suggested earlier, the Jotnar aren't grouped so much by their commonalities, but by their non-membership in the Aesir. Thus, some of them are benign, while others are apparently evil to the core.

Aegir, Skadi, and several of the wives or mates of the Aesir are from Jotnar stock. Others, such as those appearing at Ragnarok, seem to have no redeeming characteristics and are entirely hostile.

ELVES & OTHER SPIRITS

The world of ancient Paganism was hardly limited to the worship of the Gods. There are various other beings who were honored, and "Elf worship" was often the hardest part of Paganism for Christians to destroy. It was easy enough to substitute one God for another, but it was quite another to tell the common people that the elves which brought fertility to the land were not real!

In the various folktales and sagas we find very little which would lead us to a concrete system of what spirit was responsible for exactly what. Today, we call these various figures, who are neither mortal nor God, "Wights." We are sure of the place of the Valkyries, who were responsible for bringing the slain to Valhalla, and also for choosing who in battle would die. They seem, judging by their actions, to be supernatural beings of some type. However, Valkyries appear in various places as very human figures and their exact nature is difficult to determine. Sigrdrifa was a Valkyrie who was cursed by Odin because she refused to bring victory in battle to those whom he had chosen. Her punishment was to be married to a mortal, and the implication is clear that this would end her days as a Valkyrie. It's equally clear that she has great knowledge of the runes as she tutors Sigurd after he awakens her. In most respects she seems to be a normal human woman, although a very wise and independent one with great powers. Elsewhere, Voland and his brothers are said to have found three Valkyries sunning themselves without their swan-coats.

When the brothers steal their feather-coats and hide them, the Valkyries again appear as otherwise normal women. This does not seem entirely in keeping with a supernatural origin, and it's possible that some kind of magickal order of Priestesses has become confused over time with the supernatural beings we know as Valkyries or that mortal women may somehow ascend to the position. The swan-coat seems very similar in description to Freya's falcon-coat and the entire issue may be something related to the practice of seidhr. As far as we know, the Valkyrie were not worshipped as such, but were considered more the messengers of Odin. They also serve the mead at Valhalla, and because of this whoever pours the mead into the Horn at Blot or Sumbel is

today known as "the Valkyrie" (no matter what sex).

The other spirits whose place seems fairly clear are the Disir. These are spirits who are intimately linked with a family. There is also some indication that they are linked with the land, but this would be in keeping with the old ways. We forget sometimes that many landowners in Europe have been living in the same place since before this continent was discovered. The land becomes an intimate part of the family and its identity, so it is natural that family spirits would also oversee the family land. Disir are seen as women who appear at times of great trouble or change. They are somehow linked to the family bloodline, and seem most closely linked to the clanchief. There is one scene in one saga where a spirit, apparently a Dis, is passed on from one person to another who are not blood relations. However, these two friends are closer than brothers, so while the link is apparently not genetic, it is definitely familial.

We know the family Disir were honored with blots at the Winter Nights and that they have great power to aid their family. As far as their origin, it's possible that they are ancestral in origin. They may be ancestors whose power was so great that they were able to continue to see to their clan. Or it's possible that the Disir are the collective spirit of the family ancestors. Freya is called the great Dis and there may be some linkage here to her position as a seidhrwoman. We know from the sagas that Seidhr was in-

volved with talking to various spirits (including the dead) and its possible that this is the source of Freya's name. It is also possible that she performed much the same function as a Dis to her tribe the Vanir.

Closely linked to the idea of the Disir is the Fylgia. These spirits are attached to an individual person in much the same way that the Disir are associated with a family. Fylgia usually appear either as animals or as beautiful women. They correspond to the "fetch," "totem," or "power-animal" in other cultures. Most of the time the fylgia remains hidden and absent, it is only with truly great or powerful persons that the fylgia becomes known. They may have something to do with Seidhr as well, because many sagas offer evidence

of spirit travel in the shape of animals. This corresponds exactly to notions of shamanism found in other cultures.

The remaining spirits include Alvar or elves, Dokkalvar or dark elves or Dwarfs, kobolds, and landvaettir. While some have defined one being as doing one thing and another serving a different function, I'm not inclined to draw very sharp distinctions between these various creatures. They all seem "elfish" in origin, and there seems to me to be no pattern of associating one name with a specific function. We know that various landvaettir or land spirits were honored with blots.

We also know that Frey is the lord of Alfheim, one of the nine worlds where the alvar are said to live.

Of all the remaining spirits, the dwarfs are the most consistent in description. We know that the dwarfs are cunning and misanthropic in character and incredible smiths, capable of creating magical objects

so valuable they are considered the greatest treasures of Asgard. Thor's hammer Mjolnir, Freya's necklace Brisingamen, and Sif's golden hair are all creations of the dwarfs. They live beneath the earth and have little to do with mankind or the Gods unless one seeks them out.

What place they had in the religion we no longer know. It would seem wise to invoke them as spirits of the forge, but I can think of little other reason to disturb them.

Elves are the most difficult magical race to pin down. Mythological sources tell us that the Alvar or light elves live in Alfheim where Frey is their Lord. However, we also have the enduring belief in folklore of the elves as faery-folk: beings associated with the natural world. These two conceptions of elves might still be linked, however, as Alfheim is known to be a place of incredible natural beauty, and Frey, their leader, is an agricultural deity. To further confuse this issue, Norse folklore has a strong belief in the Landvaettir, or land spirits who may fit into either or both of these categories. I'm inclined to lump them all together as similar beings that we simply don't know enough about to tell apart. What is important is that Asatru, like all Pagan religions, honors the natural world and the earth very deeply. Whether one calls the spirits of the land as the elves, the faeries, or the landvaettir, or uses all of these terms interchangeably, respect is all important. Asatru is known for being one of the most politically "conservative" of the modern Pagan religions, but you'll find few of us who aren't staunch environmentalists.

One of the most important spirits to honor is the house-spirit. Folklore is also filled with stories of various spirits variously called faeries, elves, kobolds, brownies, tom-tin, etc who inhabit a house and see to its proper conduct. In the usual form of the tale, they offer to perform some housekeeping functions, but eventually turn on the owners of the house when they are insulted by overpayment. We don't have any concrete evidence for how our ancestors honored these beings, but this is not surprising because such a thing would not be a public observance and it's unlikely it would be recorded in the sagas or Eddas. We usually leave a bowl of milk out when we feel we need their help in something.

In general folklore does not paint the various elves and spirits as particularly benevolent figures. With the exception of house spirits, who as spirits of a manmade object are bound to us on

some level, they seem most interested in staying out of the dealings of mankind. There are numerous stories of people who spy upon elf women and force them to become their brides. Inevitably the women are unhappy and eventually escape, leaving their husbands emotionally devastated.

There are also numerous stories of spirits who haunt the woods and who will drag wayward travelers into rivers to drown or to some other untimely death. When people do have dealings with the elves these beings seem to operate on an entirely different set of expectations than we do. Most of us would be gratified by the gift of a "bonus" from our employer, yet time and time again in folklore this is the easiest way to anger a house spirit. We know that elves were honored with blots, but it's just as possible that these ceremonies were made in propitiation to them rather than in kinship as are our blots made with the Gods. We suggest caution in dealing with beings with a set of values so foreign from our own. They should be approached in the same way one would approach a person from a country whose ways are very very different.

In general, we're also very reticent to make decisions about classifying the various "other peoples." It would be very easy to draw lines and place certain spirits into little boxes which label their function, but that seems overly mechanical and of little utility.

Elves and other "wights" are not human, and it might be too much to try to classify them in other than subjective terms. It's probably best to simply make your intent clear, experiment, and use the terms which work for you.

Demi-Gods

There are a whole classification of Gods which are not truly part of the Aesir, Vanir, or even the Jotnar. Wayland the Smith is the best example of this that we can offer. Wayland, called Volund in the Norse version, is the greatest of smiths, but it's clear in the mythology that he was more or less a human man. The myth tells of how he lost his wife and was enslaved by a human King. While his powers allow him to outwit and take vengeance on the king, it's clear throughout that he's not on the level of a Thor or an Odin. What one does about these demi-Gods or local Gods is a good question. I see nothing wrong with pouring a blot in their honor and dealing with them as you would any other God or Goddess. On the other hand, they are not part of the Aesir and I think it might be disrespectful to honor them with the Aesir or as part of a ceremony dedicated to the Aesir as they seem of a different nature.

Ancestor Worship

Honoring ones ancestors was one of the most sacred duties of the Norsemen. One of the most important parts of greeting new people was the exchanging of personal lineages at sumbel. The worship of the Disir is closely linked to ancestor worship. However, it is difficult for modern day Pagans to seriously engage in ancestor worship. We are, for the most part, without a strong connection to our heritage, and even if we feel motivated we would probably need to skip at least a thousand years back to find ancestors who would not have been appalled by our Heathen beliefs. One substitution for ancestor worship in the modern Asatru movement has been the veneration of heros from the Sagas and legends of our people.

The manner of how we honor ancestors is also somewhat troubling. I reserve the blot ritual to Gods and other powers, and I'm not sure if it's appropriate to pour a blot to an ancestor, no matter how important he was. I think the most important part of ancestor worship is remembering, and the sumbel seems the most important part of that.

While we discuss ancestry, I must mention that some modern Asatru groups, in part because of holdovers from 19th century cultural movements, have placed a great deal of emphasis on ancestry in terms of race and ethnic heritage. Many (although not nearly as many as some hysterical commentators would have you believe) have held that Asatru was a religion for whites or Northern Europeans only. In my not particularly humble opinion, this is pure idiocy. The basic argument for this is that people of other cultures do not share the same background and values. This is certainly true, but the key word in my opinion is culture, and all Americans by definition share a culture. Also, while I admit I would think it doubtful that people from outside of our own cultural heritage would be attracted greatly to Asatru, if they are it is for a reason and they should be welcomed and not shunned. It proves the worth of our religion and way of life that it is so strong that one would leave his own cultural path behind to take up ours.

As far as culture is concerned, the ancestry of the ancient North is alive and well in modern America. A thousand years ago settlers sailed to Iceland to avoid the growing influence of powerful kings and centralized government. This centralization of power was one of the things which Roman Christianity brought with it. Two hundred years ago, we in America rebelled against our king for much the same reasons. Our culture is much more profoundly influenced by the Vikings than most would care to admit. Our law is based on English common law, which in turn has roots in Norman and Saxon law. (Both the Saxons and Normans were descended from Germanic tribes.) Our culture is based on many of the same ideas which the Northmen held dear: the importance of the individual and the belief that individual rights outweighed collective rights. Thus, it is my assertion that we are all descended, at least in part, spiritually from the ancient Norse.

ORGANIZATION

Scholarship offers us little help in determining how organized the ancient religion of Asatru was. We know that there was a large temple at Upsalla, and we know that some areas had taxes which were clearly intended to support the religion. We also have abundant evidence of a much less organized system in which people met in sacred groves or built their own Hof's and thus became a Gothi (Priest) or Gythia (Priestess). Such temples were generally maintained by the family after the builders death, the title being more or less inherited by whomever was lord over the land.

The Priesthood

The clergy of Asatru are known as Gothi (Godman/Priest) or Gythia (Godwoman/Priestess). These are honorary titles only. Being called Gothi does not mark any administrative or religious power or rank within Asatru as a whole. The Gothar are those who have chosen to take on more responsibilities. Anyone in Asatru can reach the Gods through their own prayers or blots without being a Gothi.

As to what makes one a Gothi, the requirements would vary from group to group. Some might have written criteria, while others might leave it up to the persons heart. The true test of a Gothi is not one of credentials, but of whether the folk take one seriously or not. Certainly a Gothi is one who has a long term relationship with the Gods and Goddesses. One does not, for example, simply read this book or practice the religion for a few months and then proclaim oneself Gothi, to do so would invite scorn and laughter. A competent Gothi should have studied the Eddas and Sagas and know the history of our religion. He or she should also know a bit about the runes, and the other mysteries of our tradition. One

should also note that this is a public office and the Gothi of old had responsibilities as leaders of the community. Most importantly one must be sincerely dedicated not only to the Gods, but to the duties and calling of being a religious leader. There's no push to move to a "higher" level of the Priesthood as there are in religions or magickal orders with "degree systems" and if you do not feel compelled to take on the responsibilities of being a Gothi or Gythia, there is no need for you to and much to say that you should not.

Most persons who were given the title Gothi in the old days were dedicated to a single God. The title most often formed their last name: Thorolf Thorsgothi for example. This dedication to a God or Goddess was usually part of one's family heritage and was passed down to your children. While there is no compelling reason why one cannot act as Priest to the entire community of Gods and Goddesses, it is most common for one to be dedicated to a single deity. A kindred may have persons who are each dedicated to a different deity, or it may orient itself towards a single deity as did families in the Sagas.

One national organization, The Ring of Troth, offers official ministerial recognition on two levels: Eldership and Godmen. The Elder program entails a great deal of study in the ways of our ancient forebears. Elders are intended not so much to be everyday ministers, but to be teachers and sources of information for the Folk at large.

The second program, entitled one Godman or Godwoman, is intended for more day to day clergy. A Godman must be informed about the lore of our modern religion and familiar with the Gods and rituals of Asatru and capable of performing them, but does not go into deep academic study in the manner of an Elder.

The Kindred

The most basic unit of Asatru religious worship is the hearth or homestead. This is nothing more than it sounds like: a household of Asafolk who worship the old Gods and Goddesses. Several individuals or hearths may group themselves into a "kindred," which is a term that has many meanings to many different groups. Some kindreds have many members and function like mainstream churches, others are more family like and attempt to hold to their privacy. The place of a kindred is more or less analogous to a clan or small tribal group. A kindred is made up of people you are familiar with and with whom you meet in person and in it's best sense it's an organic grouping, however it's not the same sort of bonding that one would find in a single family or even in an extremely close knit group of friends. In a true Pagan society, the kindred would be found on the level of a farmstead or small village.

The ritual blots are most commonly done on the level of the kindred, or in meetings where more than one kindred comes together. The rituals of a Hearth might be less formalized and more "homey" in atmosphere. The blot ritual is based on a religious observance that was part of the official public aspect of ancient Asatru, and it's likely that there were many other private rituals that would not necessarily be appropriate for a kindred to take part in together. For example, a kindred might not honor the individual family Dis or the house-spirits unless all members of the kindred lived together or were tied by blood as well as companionship.

Most persons will want to join or found a kindred in their area, however, before one runs out and begins to solicit people, you should think about what you are doing. The very name of our groupings, "kindred," implies a great deal more than does membership in a church.

Today we are accustomed to religious institutions that are more or less anonymous and sterile. A kindred should not be this way. While we must be open to all, we need not act as if we were a public facility with no more intimacy than a department store. It

is best to start small and gather people as they come to you. Once you are established, get involved in the local Pagan community if you are not already. Attend a few events of the local Leif Erikson society or the Sons of Norway. Open one of your blots to the public and take note of people who are attracted to Asatru.

A kindred is something which should form organically. It's not a good idea to push ones friends into joining unless they are sincerely interested. In the Raven Kindreds we usually wait until people ask to formally join, unless we perceive they are waiting to be asked. On the other hand, Asatru is not a secret religion or one open only to "initiates" as many Neo-Pagan faiths are. We must be open to outsiders who are truly interested.

People in a kindred should be aware that they are making a commitment to the group. The first duty owed to our kindreds would be regular attendance. The kindred cannot function if people do not attend. I have heard some say that making a monetary donation should be sufficient. I say this is simply not true. While the money most certainly does help, it cannot make up for the impression made on new people when they are the only ones showing up for a ritual. Also since Asatru is still a growing religion a lack of regular attendees will lead to only one view being put across instead of many peoples personal takes on a subject.

The next duty we have to our kindred is loyalty. I will assume that every kindred has some sort of leader whether it be an elected leader or not. This person has taken on the responsibility of being in charge of the kindred as a whole. I say that we should ask these leaders what we can do for them to make their job easier. I am not saying that we have to center our lives around whatever kindred we may belong to, but sometimes just asking if we can pick up the mead will take a lot off the mind of the person in charge.

Another duty we have to our kindred is helping the other members of that kindred. This could include the simple willingness to give a ride to events, but also on a deeper level to really be their for each other in times of need. We must remember that while our religion espouses the glory of the individual, that individual usually only as good as the community from which he came. We also do not want to be like other religions we member of the same church are strangers to each other. The fact that we have chosen the word "kindred" to name our religious bodies should mean, in practice as well as definition, a much closer relationship to each other than is found in most, but certainly not all, mainstream churches.

THE VALUES OF ASATRU

One of the basic functions of a religion is to offer a set of values on which mankind is to base its actions. This, sadly, is one area where Paganism has often failed. The cult of anti-values has held sway, taking moral relativism to extremes perhaps even farther from common sense than fundamentalist moral legalism, even to the point where I have heard rape, murder, and genocide defended on the basis of "cultural differences."

However, values remain important. All one needs to do is look at the morning paper to see the results of a society that has in many ways embraced the cult of anti-values. Thievery, murder, and plunder exist in our cities to extents which would have appalled our ancestors--no matter how many times they went a Viking. While this is hardly what the Pagans who have embraced the cult of anti-values had in mind, it is to my belief a natural outgrowth of the same basic philosophical concept. The chaos in our country is the dark shadow of the modern rejection of moral legalism. What should have been an evolution from a legalistic moral/religious culture to one of flexible honor based values and self-responsibility has instead become a morass of chaos and immorality. The lesson we should all learn is that while there is no definitive list of sins; right and wrong still exist.

As usual Asatru offers a sensible solution. Our faith deals not in legalisms and rules nor in unchecked chaos and relativism. We instead acknowledge the existence of right and wrong, good and evil, but we deal with actions according to basic philosophical concepts that are applied by the keen intellect of Odin, the simple common sense of Thor, and the solid honor of Tyr--the gifts of the Gods to us.

Asatru posits that the basic place of moral judgment is within the human heart and mind. We as human beings with the gift of intelligence are sensible and responsible enough to determine right from wrong and act accordingly. The Gods teach us through the examples of their lives, as chronicled in the Eddas, and through various pieces such as the Havamal which directly offer us advice. In the modern history of our faith, various Asatru organizations have outlined simple sets of values which they hold up as simple guidelines on how to live ones life.

The Odinic Rite (the major Asatru group in England) has one of the most cohesive and sensible of all those we've seen and this set has been adopted by the Raven Kindred as an "official" statement of our beliefs. We do this not only as a moral guide for our members, but also to say to the world what it is that we stand for--our good name in the community being important to us. Finally, this list is used when someone formally joins the Raven Kindred and we hold a sumble and toast the 9 virtues to the new member in the hope that they will apply them to their life.

The Odinic Rite lists the 9 Noble Virtues as Courage, Truth, Honor, Fidelity, Discipline, Hospitality, Industriousness, Self-Reliance, and Perseverance.

It would be hard to get much argument on any of these values from anyone. They simply and briefly encapsulate the broad wisdom of our Gods and ancestors.

Courage

In virtually every statement of values applied to Asatru, Courage is listed first. As Stephen McNallen has said, courage and bravery are perhaps the values which the Vikings are best known for. However, despite our history, few of us face such turmoil as a literal battle for ones life. In fact, I believe it might be easier to manifest courage in such a situation than to do so in the many smaller day to day occurrences in which courage is called for.

The most common of these occurrences for modern Pagans, is the courage to acknowledge and live ones beliefs. It is also, sadly, the one that we most often fail at. While we may often be full of the type of courage that would lead us to face a shield wall, many of us quake at the thought of the topic of religion coming up at the office or a friend asking what church we attend. We won't offer easy answers, but we ask this: if you toast the courage of your ancestors to fight and die for what they believed in, can you trade away your religious identity for a higher salary or social acceptance?

In an essay on values there is also the question of moral courage. The way of Tyr is difficult--to lose ones hand for ones beliefs--but, Tyr thought the price worth paying. In a million ways modern society challenges our values, not just as Asatruar who are estranged from mainstream religious practice, but for religious people in an increasingly not just secular, but anti-religious culture. Values are also not in favor in modern society. Breaking or getting around the rules is encouraged to get ahead. Living honorably is simply too inconvenient. I think most people, Asatru or otherwise, find this repugnant, but the only way to change it is to have the courage to refuse to take part in it.

Truth

The second virtue, that of Truth, is the one that most led our kindred to embrace the Odinic Rite's statement of values as our own. Early in our discussions, we decided that no matter what

values we chose to hold out as our own, truth must be among them. It is a word that holds so much in its definition, and includes such a wide variety of moral and philosophical beliefs that we were all drawn to it as a simple statement of what we stood for.

At least one of the reasons we wanted to adopt it was the simple issue of honesty. As Bill Dwinells said at a recent sumpul while toasting truth and honesty: "if you don't want people to know about something, don't do it." Truth, in the sense of honesty, is essential to personal honor and also to any system or morality that is not based on rigid legalism. If one is to uphold an honor code, one must be brutally honest with oneself and with others.

Truth is also the Truth that comes with a capital T--the kind of Truth that one talks about in terms of religion or morality. It's common to talk of different peoples having different "truths," but it's equally important to remember that while we acknowledge that each person or people has their own belief as to what Truth is or where to find it, there finally is a single Truth. This is not the Truth as we believe it, but ultimate Truth. While we may respect other people's "truths" and seek our own, we must never forget our search for The Truth. Like the Holy Grail of Christian legend, it may never be ours to reach, but when we cease to search we perish.

Honor

Honor is the basis for the entire Asatru moral rationale. If anything comes out in the Eddas and Sagas it is that without honor we are nothing. We remember two types of peoples from ancient times: those whose honor was so clean that they shine as examples to us and those who were so without honor that their names are cursed a thousand years after they lived. Good Asatruar should always strive to be among the former.

However, honor is not mere reputation. Honor is an internal force whose outward manifestation is reputation. Internal honor is the sacred moral compass that each Asatruar and God should hold dear. It is the inner dwelling at peace which comes from living in accordance with one's beliefs and with one's knowledge of the Truth of what one is doing. It is something deeply personal and heartfelt, almost akin to an emotion. It's a "knowing" that what one is doing is right and decent and correct.

In many ways while the most important of all the virtues it is also the most ephemeral in terms of description. It is all the other virtues rolled together and then still more. The best way I have found to describe honor is that if you are truly living with honor, you will have no regrets about what you have done with your life.

Fidelity

Fidelity is a word that is far too often defined by its narrow use in terms of marital fidelity. By the dictionary it simply means being faithful to someone or something. In marriage this means being true to one's vows and partner, and this has been narrowly defined as limiting one's sexual experience to one's spouse. While I have found this to be great practical advice, many treat fidelity as if there were no other ways in which one could be faithful or unfaithful.

For we Asatruar fidelity is most important in terms of our faith and troth to the Gods. We must remain true to the Aesir and Vanir and to our kinsmen. Like marriage, Profession (the rite in which one enters the Asatru faith, similar to Christian confirmation or Wiccan initiation) is a sacred bond between two parties; in this case an Asatruar and the Gods. In order for such a relationship to work, both must be honest and faithful to each other.

Asatru, although currently being reborn, is at its roots a folk religion and we also uphold the value of fidelity to the ways of our ancestors. This is why historical research is so important to the

Asatru-folk: it is the rediscovering of our ancient ways and our readoption of them.

Discipline

In any discussion of the values of Asatru, discipline is best described as self-discipline. It is the exercise of personal will that upholds honor and the other virtues and translates impulse into action. If one is to be able to reject moral legalism for a system of internal honor, one must be willing to exercise the self-discipline necessary to make it work. Going back to my earlier criticism of society, if one rejects legalism, one must be willing to control one's own actions. Without self-discipline, we have the mess we currently see in our culture.

Looking at discipline in terms of fidelity, we see a close connection.

Many Pagans go from faith to faith, system to system, path to path.

Asatruar are much less likely to do this. The discipline of keeping faith with our Gods and the ways of our ancestors is part of our modern practice. In this way, we limit ourselves in some ways, but we gain much more in others.

Hospitality

Hospitality is simply one of the strongest core values at the heart of virtually every ancient human civilization. In a community/folk religion such as our own, it is the virtue that upholds our social fabric. In ancient times it was essential that when a traveler went into the world he could find some sort of shelter and welcome for the night. In modern times it is just as essential that a traveler find friendship and safety.

In our modern Asatru community, we need to treat each other with respect and act together for the good of our community as a whole.

This functions most solidly on the level of the kindred or hearth where non-familial members become extremely close and look out for each other. It can mean hospitality in the old sense of taking in people, which we've done, but in modern times it's more likely to mean loaning someone a car or a bit of money when they need it (that's need, not want).

Part of hospitality is treating other people with respect and dignity.

Many of our Gods are known to wander the world and stop in at people's houses, testing their hospitality and generosity. The virtue of hospitality means seeing people as if they were all individuals with self-respect and importance. Or perhaps from time to time, they are literally the Gods in human form. This has profound implications for social action in our religion. Our response to societal problems such as poverty (that's poverty folks, not laziness) is in many ways our modern reaction to this ancient virtue.

In terms of our modern community as a whole, I see hospitality in terms of frontier "barn raisings" where a whole community would come together and pool their resources. This doesn't mean we have to forget differences, but we must put them aside for those who are of our Folk, and work for our common good.

Industriousness

Modern Asatruar must be industrious in their actions. We need to work hard if we are going to achieve our goals. There is so much for us to do. We've set ourselves the task of restoring Asatru to its former place as a mainstream faith and by doing so reinvigorating our society and culture. We can't do this by sitting on our virtues, we need to make them an active part of our behavior. Industry also refers to simple hard work in our daily vocations, done with care and pride.

Here's a few concrete examples. If you are reading this and

don't have a kindred, why not? Stop reading now. Go and place ads in the appropriate local stores, get your name on the Ring of Troth, Wyrd Network, or Asatru Alliance networking lists, and with other Pagan groups. Put on a workshop. Ok, now you're back to reading and you don't agree with what I'm saying here? Well, be industrious! Write your own articles and arguments. Write a letter to the editor and suggest this material be banned--better than passivity. Get the blood moving and go out and do it. That's how it gets done. The Gods do not favor the lazy.

The same holds true for our non-religious lives. As Asatruar we should offer a good example as industrious people who add to whatever we're involved in rather than take from it. We should be the ones the business we work in can't do without and the ones who always seem to be able to get things done. When people think of Asatru, they should think of people who are competent and who offer something to the world.

This doesn't just apply to vocational work, but to the entire way we live our lives. It is just as much a mentality. The Vikings were vital people. They lived each day to its fullest and didn't wring their hands in doubt or hesitation. We should put the same attitude forward in all that we do whether it is our usual vocation, devotion to the Gods, or leisure time.

Self Reliance

Industry brings us directly to the virtue of Self-Reliance, which is important both in practical and traditional terms. Going back to the general notion of this article, we are dealing with a form of morality that is largely self-imposed and thus requires self-reliance. We rely on ourselves to administer our own morality. Traditionally, our folkways have always honored the ability of a man or woman to make their own way in the world and not to lean on others for their physical needs. This is one of the ways in which several virtues reinforce and support each other. Hospitality cannot function if people are not responsible enough to exercise discipline and take care of themselves. It's for those that strive and fail or need assistance that hospitality is intended, not for the idle who simply won't take care of themselves.

In terms of our relationships with the Gods, self-reliance is also very important. If we wish the Gods to offer us their blessings and gifts, we must make ourselves worthy of them--and the Gods are most pleased with someone who stands on their own two feet. This is one of the reasons for the Asatru "rule" that we do not kneel to the Gods during our ceremonies. By standing we acknowledge our relationship as striving and fulfilled people looking for comradeship and a relationship, rather than acting as scraelings looking for a handout from on high. It takes very little for a God to attract a follower, if worship simply means getting on the gravy train. We, as Asatruar, are people who can make our own way in the world, but who choose to seek a relationship with the Gods.

In mundane terms being self-reliant is a simple way to allow ourselves the ability to live as we wish to. In simple economic terms, if one has enough money in the bank one doesn't need to worry as much about being fired due to religious discrimination. We can look a bigot in the face and tell him just where he can put it. It's also nice to have something in the bank to lay down as a retainer on a good lawyer so we can take appropriate action.

On the other side of this is self-reliance in the sense of Henry David Thoreau, who advocated a simple lifestyle that freed one from the temptations of materialism. Again, here we are able to live as we wish with those things that are truly important. Religious people from all faiths have found that adjusting one's material desires to match one's ability to meet them leaves one open for a closer relationship with deity and a more fulfilling life. While our ancestors were great collectors of gold goodies, they didn't lust for possessions in and of themselves, but for what they stood for and could do for them. In fact, the greatest thing that

could be said of a Lord was that he was a good "Ring Giver."

Being self-reliant also means taking responsibility for one's life. It's not just about refusing a welfare check or not lobbying for a tax exemption, but also refusing to blame one's failures on religious intolerance, the patriarchy, or an unfair system. The system may, in fact, be unfair, but it's our own responsibility to deal with it.

In societal terms, we have become much too dependent on other people for our own good. As individuals we look to the government or to others to solve our problems and as a society we borrow billions from our descendants to pay for today's excesses. Most problems in this world could be solved if people just paid their own way as they went.

Perseverance

The final virtue is Perseverance which I think most appropriate because it is the one that we most need to keep in mind in our living of the other values. Our religion teaches us that the world is an imperfect place, and nothing comes easy. We need to continue to seek after that which we desire. In this imperfect world there are no free lunches or easy accomplishments--especially in the subjects we have set before ourselves. If we truly wish to build an Asatru community that people will hold up as an example of what committed people can do, then we must persevere through the hardships that building our religion is going to entail. We must be willing to continue on when we are pushed back. If one loses a job for one's religion, the answer is not to go back and hide, but to continue until one finds a vocation where one can move forward and live as an Asatruar should.

Finally we must persevere when we simply fail. If one's kindred falls apart because of internal strife, one should go back and start over.

Pick up the pieces and continue on. If nobody had done this after the disintegration of the Asatru Free Assembly, this would probably never have been written. We must be willing to continue in the hard work of making our religion strong--not just when it is convenient and easy to do so, but when it gets hard, inconvenient, or just plain boring. To accomplish without striving is to do little, but to persevere and finally accomplish a hard fought goal brings great honor.

MAGIC

As with most Neo-Pagan religions, Asatru posits a belief in magic and the spiritual realm. However, people must remember that the bedrock of Asatru is faith in the Gods, and magic is but a part of our customs and folklore, not a substitute for faith or something separate from it. Practicing magic, even magic of a Northern type, does not make one Asatru, nor is the practice of magic a requirement to be an Asatruar or to perform rituals in honor of our Gods.

The most common type of magic found in the Asatru tradition is that of the runes. The runes are a magical alphabet which in various forms was found throughout the Germanic world. The most common form used in Asatru today is the "Elder Futhark" (runic alphabets are called futharks, a word constructed from the first 6 runes) which is believed to be an older and more true form than the later versions such as the Anglo-Saxon set of 33 runes.

People are most familiar with the use of runes for divinatory purposes, and they are indeed used for this purpose. Asatru believes that there are forces, shaped by our past and the history of the world, that affect the world and the way the future comes to be. We believe that the forces of Wyrd and Orlog (without a disertation to explain them fully, both words translate roughly to "fate") can be examined and to some extent tell us what is going to happen. On the other hand, we do not believe in predestina-

tion. Future events are shaped by our actions, and we can change them. If we change our actions, we change the future. So the runes are not a perfect prediction of what will occur because the future is in flux. They are, however, an important tool for exactly the same reason.

The most common way to read the runes is to pull forth three runes representing the past, present, and future. All of these are important, because only in looking at the past and present can we understand a prediction of what will occur in the future.

However, divination is but a small part of runic magic. The runes are important and powerful symbols that represent the very forces that hold the nine worlds together, and they make very powerful meditational symbols.

The runes are also useful in active magic. The most common way to use them in this manner is to carve a "bind rune" or a symbol made up of more than one rune, all of which together are intended to produce an effect. The most common of these would be a rune carved on a single line with one rune pointing to the left and the other to the right.

However, the more complex a rune is, the more powerful it can become.

Another important type of magic is called *seidhr*, which seems to have been a "shamanic" tradition within ancient Asatru. This type of magic involves going into a trance, and journeying to the other worlds.

Here, one could journey to consult the spirits of nature, the *Disir*, or the ancestors. Unfortunately little information is left to us about *seidhr*. We know that Freya was a skilled practitioner and that she taught it to Odin. It was considered to be a woman's magic, and Odin is taunted about it by Loki. Although today most persons exploring *seidhr* are women, there is no such prejudice against men interested in it.

In what records we do have, the trance of the *seidhr*woman was created through another person singing songs or chanting while the *seidhr*woman

was elevated on a platform. We don't know much else about the practice. However, around the world shamanic techniques are remarkably similar, and the main difference seems to be the cultural context, which provides a map to interpreting the other-worlds. The best approach might be to explore some of the material on the general phenomenon of shamanism, and then apply that to what little we do know.

The third major type of magic found in modern Asatru is "*galdr*" or chant magic. The simplest form of this is "*rune galdr*" or the simple chanting and "vibrating" of the sounds of the runes in order to invoke their powers.

A CALENDAR

Snowmoon/January: 1st weekend -- Frig's Distaff -- Celebration of Frigga and the home (Trad. 1/2)

Horning/February: 1st weekend -- Disting -- Celebration of Freya and the *Disir* (Trad. 2/14)

Lenting/March: 1st weekend -- Founding of the World. Celebration of Odin, Vili, and Ve, 3/21 -- Summer Finding - Celebration of the Goddess Ostara.

Ostara/April: 1st weekend -- Alfarblot. Sacrifice to the elves and nature spirits (traditionally celebrated as part of Disting)

Merry-Moon/May: 1st weekend -- May Day/Walpurgis. Celebration of spring which we

dedicate to Njord and Nerthus. (Trad. 5/1)

Fallow or Honey Moon/June: 1st weekend -- Festival of Mead dedicated to Aegir and also to Bygvir and Beyla, 3/21 Summer Solstice -- Dedicated to Sunna, Goddess of the Sun

Haymoon/July: 1st weekend -- Blot in honor of Baldr

Harvest Moon/August: 1st weekend -- Freyfaxi, first harvest and celebration of Frey and his horse (Trad. 8/1)

Shedding/September: 1st weekend -- Discovery of the Runes, celebration of Odin as the God of Wisdom (Odinic Rite holiday celebrated 8/25), 9/21 Winter Finding -- *Disirblot* (*Disirblot* traditionally 10/13-10/15)

Hunting Moon/October: 1st weekend -- Tyrblot, celebration of Justice and Honor. (Supreme Court session begins 1st Monday in October)

Fogmoon/November: 1st weekend -- Einjerhar, celebration of war-dead and Ragnarok Dedicated to Odin and Freya (Trad. 11/11 -- Armistice Day)

Wolfmoon/December: 1st weekend -- Winterblot, dedicated to Skadi and/or Ullr, 12/21 -- Yule, multiday festival dedicated to Thor et al (Traditionally a festival lasting from the Mother Night 12/21 to NewYears Day)

Setting the mood: Chant to Odin, Vili, Ve

To begin each ritual we offer a three round chant of "Odin, Vili, Ve."

This serves two purposes. First we are linking ourselves to the Gods of creation and thus to the connections between Midgard and the Gods.

Second and perhaps more appropriately it allows people to get themselves mentally prepared for the service.

Hammer Rite: We offer an invocation to Fire and Ice which are the central elements of the creation of the world. We ask that the place we are meeting be blessed and Holy for the coming of the Gods.

Statement of purpose: We far too often ignore this, but it's a good idea to have the Gothi or Gythia who is presiding greet the participants and state something general about the purpose of the ritual. It need not be complicated "We gather together today to celebrate the Winter Nights as our ancestors did. To honor our ancestors, the *Disir*, and Freya the Great *Dis* and to renew our bonds as a family [kindred]."

General Prayer: At this point one of our members usually offers up a prayer to the Aesir and Vanir collectively to thank them for their bounty since the last time we met and to ask their blessings upon the kindred and its members.

Personal invocations: We reserve a time between the opening of the ritual and the blot ceremony for people to offer any prayers or other invocations they feel necessary. This is the time when we Profess new members of Asatru. Other activities done at this time have included a kindred member thanking Saga, the Goddess of wisdom, for her recent graduation from college.

Invoke deity of occasion: At this point we make a point to specifically invoke and honor the deity that we are blotting. We attempt to list as many names and or functions of the God as possible and this serves a dual purpose in reminding the attendees of who the God is and why we are honoring Him.

This is, however, separate from the offering.

Meditation: At this point we like to remind ourselves why we are here and what the Gods mean to us. We sit and someone either offers a spoken meditation or more often reads a story from the mythology. While most of us enjoy the poetic edda, we usually use a modern prose version of the myth as it is easier to follow.

Offer/sanctify mead: The Gothi takes up the horn and his assistant (often called "The Valkyrie" by Asafolk) fills it with mead. The Gothi then steps to the altar and holds the horn aloft and asks the God to partake of it and charge it with his power.

Toast to the deity of occasion: This is when we begin to deviate substantially from the standard Asatru blot ritual. Beginning with the Gothi the horn is raised and a toast drunk to the God. The horn is then passed around to the Folk and a personal toast repeated. The only rule here is that the round is dedicated to the God invoked. Many times the toasts are personal thanksgiving or requests for aid or wisdom.

At the end of the round the remains of the horn (and there should be some) are poured into the blotbowl.

Remaining toasts: We then take two more rounds to toast whatever Gods, ancestors, and beings each person wishes. There is not necessarily any continuity from one person to the next. Brags or oaths are also appropriate at this time. Professions, other major oaths, and major works of thanksgiving or praise are usually done before the blot. The second and third toasts are usually reserved for small things.

Thank deity: Finally we always remember to thank the deity and ask for his continued blessings on the Folk present.

Oath Ring ceremony: Our kindred has a ceremony that affirms our dedication to each other, to the kindred, and to the Gods. Each full Professed and accepted Kindred member comes forward and takes hold of the oath ring. (We are blessed in having a 6" diameter brass oath ring made for us by a kindred member.) One person then recites a rede concerning itself with the symbol of a ring and something which connects us to the Gods, the Earth, and to each other.

I should repeat, only kindred Members participate in this. If you haven't sworn on the oath ring, you don't take part in the ceremony.

We have enlarged this at public events to all Professed persons, but change the rede to remove references to the kindred.

Pour libation: Finally we leave the Hof and pour a libation on the physical earth, adjourning outside to do so if we are indoors. The blot hitting the ground signals that the ritual is truly over. When we are working indoors in a living room or other non-dedicated space I always make sure I am the first to return and extinguish candles, turn on electric lights, etc. This provides a good hint to people's minds that the ritual is, in fact, over. If we had a dedicated space, the procession outside to pour the blot would also empty the Hof and we would adjourn to the feast rather than returning to the temple.

HAILING THE SUN:

A SAMPLE BLOT TO HONOR SUNNA AT THE SUMMER SOLSTICE

This ritual would be ideally performed at sunrise on the day of the summer Solstice. If possible the folk should gather while it is still dark or even better, remain awake throughout the night in vigil. A secondary time would be at noon on the Solstice. This

ritual should not be performed at night.

At any point in this ritual, within the realm of logic and dramatic flow, the parts marked as Gothi and Gythia may be shared among the folk. In addition, the parts are not necessarily sex specific, but the terminology is used as a convenience.

Set Up: An altar should be placed in the center and the folk should form a circle around it, leaving space in the center for the "action" to take place. For this ritual you will need some sort of mead or beer, a horn or chalice, an offering bowl, a hammer for consecrations, and a wheel of some sort, preferably a wagon wheel to symbolize the turning of the wheel of the year. Any reasonable tools may be substituted. The Wheel is placed on the ground near the altar or on the altar with candles around the rim (unlit).

Consecration of space: The Gothi goes to the center of the folk and forms the invocational position of the elhaz rune, both hands in the air at a rough 45° angle.

Gothi: We gather here to honor our sacred lady Sunna, who on this Solstice Morning, reaches her height of power. All hail Sunna!

All: Hail Sunna!

The Gythia takes the hammer and walks to each of the four corners and consecrates the space:

Gythia: Hammer, hallow and hold this holy stead, that it will be a fitting place for our worship of our sacred lady Sunna! Hammar, Helga ve thetta ok hindra alla illska!

Gythia returns hammer to altar and faces the altar.

Gythia: I consecrate and hallow this altar to the work of our sacred lady Sunna! Here on this Solstice morning may the might of the Gods be brought to our holy stead. May the warm light of Sunna heat our hearts and hold our spirits.

Gothi: Our holy lady watches and waits for the blot in her honor. Hail Sunna!

All: Hail Sunna!

(At this point it would be most appropriate for a song or reading to be performed. It should obviously be about Sunna or the sun or something appropriate to the day.)

Invocation: Gythia: Our lady Sunna is the light of knowledge, the warmth of love, and the heat of our passion. Let us spend a moment in silence, contemplating those things which she brings us.

Leave a few moments for silent prayers and meditation.

Gothi: Holy Sunna. Lady of the Sun. Light of the heavens. Ever pursued and ever free. We gather to greet and welcome you and offer you gifts on this day. We offer to you our prayers and love, our devotion and strength, our kinship and honor.

All face the sun and form the elhaz posture.

All: Hail to thee Sunna, light of Har newly risen. She whose holy light shone upon our ancestors of old and she who's light will shine upon our children. We give you hail and welcome. Fill our hearts on this Solstice morning with your warm rays that your fires may burn in our hearts throughout the year. Hail Sunna!

A few moments of silence are appropriate here.

Blot: Gothi: Now it is time to offer sacrifice to our holy lady.

Gythia takes horn and Gothi fills it with mead. Gythia holds horn above her head, in the direction of the sun.

Gythia: Here is our sacrifice, the essence of our love and spirit. We offer it to you as a token of our kinship and our love. As you drink of it, may your power fill this holy hlaut and feed our spirits.

Gythia drinks from the horn and it is then passed around the folk, each taking a drink, with the horn returning to the Gythia.

Gythia: Hail to thee Sunna!

Gythia pours remainder of horn into the offering bowl. Gythia and Gothi take the bowl and evergreen sprig and walk around the folk, sprinkling the mead to the four corners and on the folk. Fi-

nally they return to the center and sprinkle the wheel.

Gothi: Hail the sacred wheel of the sun. Now it is the longest day of the year and the sun is triumphant, but all changes and the wheel turns.

Gythia lights candles on the wheel and members of the folk take it up and parade it around the grounds. A song or chant would be appropriate at this time. "The sun burns, the wheel turns!" for example. Once the procession is done (this decision should be based on the subjective feelings of those involved and not planned out) the wheel should be returned to the altar.

Gothi & Gythia assume the invocation position **Gothi:** Sacred Lady Sunna, Summer Sun now strongest. We thank you for your blessings of warmth and light. May you reign long.

All: Hail Sunna! Hail Sunna! Hail Sunna!

Libation: Gothi takes up the hlaut bowl.

Gothi: Now our rite is ended and the sacrifice is made. The wheel turns. To Sunna, to the Gods, to the Goddesses, and to Earth, mother of us all, we offer this holy mead, from the Gods to the Earth To us. From ourselves to the Earth to the Gods. Hail! Gothi pours contents of the hlaut bowl on the ground, possibly in the center of the wheel. If this ritual is done indoors, the libation should be poured outside afterwards. We usually trek outside immediately even if the ritual is an apartment. The physical action of pouring the libation is an important psychological trigger to both Gods and men that the ritual is over.

A DAY IN THE LIFE: A BLOW BY BLOW ACCOUNT OF RUNNING A RITUAL

Our rituals are held on the afternoon of the first Saturday of each month. We tell people to arrive at 2:00pm, and plan for a ritual at 4:00 followed by a feast. This is a rough timeline, intended to shepherd people through a complete ritual from when one awakes in the morning, to when people go home.

At least one week before, get invitations and/or schedules in the mail. If you give folks some sort of paper to hold onto they will be much less likely to forget about the ritual.

9:00 Get up. Fritter away time answering e-mail, watching Scooby-Doo reruns, etc.

10:30 Clean the house. Get personal items such as bills and checkbooks out of where people might see them. Stash excess books in bedroom. Sweep and vacuum floor. Clean kitchen, make sure the dishwasher is run and dishes put away so there will be enough for the Folk. Put any food or drink items away that one doesn't want the Folk to eat. Check altar, clean and dust it, offer a prayer and light the 24 hour candle on it. Put out any new magazines or books of interest on the coffee table.

12:00 Shower and get dressed.

12:30 First people arrive--at this point the only folks present are a few "core" members of the kindred who are there to help, not just to attend. Immediately send people out to buy food and drink.

1:30 Food arrives. Unpack it and determine what we've forgotten. Put out munchies, make sure beer/wine is chilling.

1:45 Other "core" kinsman calls as he is about to leave for ritual site, let him know what previous "foraging" trip failed to obtain (in our kindred's case, usually gravy mix), and have him/her stop to pick it up on the way. Arranging for someone living closeby to call just before leaving for exactly this purpose is a very good idea.

2:00 First people begin arriving at house. This is when we tell people to arrive, but generally they float in throughout the afternoon. As a few people begin to arrive, seek "volunteers" to help with any food prep tasks that can be done at this point like slicing vegetables or making stuffing. When this is done, stash it in the refrigerator.

2:30 If everything has gone well, all the prep cooking stuff should

be done and the dishes used washed and dried. Hosts, cooking people, and organizers can now relax and socialize.

3:45 Person who assured you last night they would be coming calls to announce they can't make it. Begin to get people to think about ritual and divide up any parts that aren't previously spoken for. If you are cooking something like a roast that requires more than an hour of cooking, put it in now. Get the ritual space cleared out and the altar set up. Take phone off hook or turn off ringer

4:00 If you do so, get dressed (tunics, etc) for ritual. Begin Ritual. If you have any new people, even if they purport to be Asatru, once you have gotten the candles lit, the blot-drink open, and everyone ready, go over each step of the ritual. This is also a good way to make sure that each person knows when their part is, and remembers that they are doing it.

Set the mood: Chant to Odin, Vili, Ve--When the Gothi/person in charge is sure that everyone is ready, start the Odin, Vili, Ve chant. This goes for three rounds.

Hammer Rite--Appropriate person steps forward and takes up hammer, and performs hammer rite.

Statement of purpose--Gothi ritually welcomes people to the blot and announces what the purpose of the ritual is and otherwise reminds people of why they have come together.

General Prayer--Someone steps forward to the altar and offers a prayer to all the Gods and Goddesses for their blessings and asking that they help us to have continued prosperity.

Invoke deity of occasion--Gothi steps to front of altar, raises hands in Z position and calls for the God or Goddess of the occasion to come forth to Midgard.

Meditation--Person leading meditation indicates that people should sit. A few moments of silence are offered for people to get comfortable. Meditation is offered. When it is over, the keyword we usually use is "rise now and receive the blessing of Odin (or appropriate god-name)."

Offer/sanctify mead--The Gothi takes up the horn and his assistant (called "The Valkyrie") fills it with mead. The Valkyrie replaces the bottle on the altar. The Gothi steps to the front of the altar and holds the horn aloft and asks the God to partake of it and charge it with his power.

Toast to the deity of occasion--After offering the horn to the deity and making the first toast, the Gothi passes the horn to the person next to him. If there are a large number of people the Valkyrie should watch and if necessary come forward with the bottle to refill the horn. At the end of the round the remains of the horn (and there should be some) are poured into the blotbowl by the Gothi usually with some appropriate words, and the Valkyrie then refills it. This process is repeated for the next two rounds. Thank deity--The Gothi thanks the deity and bids him/her continue to watch over the Folk.

Oath Ring ceremony--The Gothi takes up oath Ring and the full kindred members come forward and grab ahold. The recognized kindred leader offers up the rede. The Gothi then replaces the Ring on the altar.

Pour libation--Someone, often the Valkyrie, takes up the blotbowl and leads the people outside for the libation. The Gothi is the last person to leave, and makes sure the door is closed, etc. After the libation is finished, the Gothi hurries back to be the first one in and turns on the lights, which is an important cue to everyone that the ritual is indeed over.

5:00 Ritual Over. Put someone in charge of getting the room back to normal. Person in charge of food grabs a few "volunteers" and sets them to work getting the rest of the food together. Other folks socialize or help as they wish.

5:30 Set tables and put out anything that people don't need to get for themselves such as napkins, salt & pepper, butter, etc. Offer a "last call" for folks to get drinks before the food is served. Slice roast and anything else that needs to be. Get serving spoons where they'll be needed or put food onto serving platters, etc.

5:45 If you are serving food out of the kitchen bring it out. If

you aren't, cook and "volunteers" grab plates full and then announce food is ready for the rest of the people. Much feasting ensues.

5:55 Person who called at 3:30 announcing they couldn't make it arrives. Says he called, but the phone was busy. Host puts it back on hook.

6:30 All the food being gone, the feast is declared over. Host is thrown out of kitchen and told to sit down while folks wash dishes and clean up. (If this doesn't happen, reconsider who is invited.)

7:00 First person leaves. Hit everyone up for \$\$ for feast contributions (this would be better done when they arrive, but it rarely happens that way). Write down anyone who doesn't have the cash and owes you. If this happens with any frequency, reconsider who is invited.)

8:00 Put The Vikings in the VCR.

10:30 Vikings movie finishes. Most guests leave.

11:30 Guests have drifted out until "core" kindred members are the only folks left. Talk over ritual and how it went. Bitch and laugh about flakey visitor who will never come back (you hope).

12:30 Last people leave. Go to bed.

HOW TO MAKE MEAD

Mead is one of the oldest drinks known to man. In the ancient Norse tradition it is beloved of both Gods and men. The patron God of mead and brewing is Aegir, a God of the sea, reckoned as one of the Giants, who is the greatest of brewers. It is to him that the Gods went to when they wanted mead and ale brewed for Asgard. Bygvir and Beyla are servants of the God Frey; their names reckoned as "barley" and "bee."

"Kvasir's blood" is a kenning for mead. Kvasir was an early God, who was murdered and his blood brewed into mead that gave wisdom. Snorri tells us that Odin ate no food, but drank only mead.

In modern Asatru, mead is an important part of our basic ritual known as the blot. In ancient times, the blot was a sacrifice in which the blood of a slaughtered animal was offered to the Gods. Today, we generally offer mead or ale in a similar manner.

The essence of brewing is a true wonder of nature. One introduces yeast in to a liquid that is rich in sugars. The yeast eats the sugar and excrete's alcohol. In wine, the liquid is grape juice. In beer, it is a mixture of water and malted grains. In mead, it is a mixture of honey and water, although occasionally people will mix in fruit for flavor.

To brew mead you will need the follow ingredients for each gallon of mead: 2 1/2 lbs of honey, 2 teaspoons of "acid mix" (Sold as pre-mixed in winemaking stores. It contains malic, tartaric, and citric acids.), 1 teaspoon of yeast energizer, one packet of wine yeast (1 packet of yeast will do for 10 gallons of mead, I suggest champagne yeast and highly recommend against mead yeast. I have never had a decent mead made with mead yeast. Bread yeast is absolutely not acceptable.). You usually make mead in 5 gallon batches.

You will also need some equipment. First, if you don't already have one, you'll need a good quality pot that will hold at least 2 or 3 gallons. It should be made of either stainless steel or enameled--your basic corn or lobster pot will do. Second, you'll need a variety of goods sold at the local beer and winemaking store. If you are just starting out, you are probably best off buying a kit which will contain the following: a five gallon plastic keg the cover of which has a hole in the center meant for a stopper (the primary fermenter), a plastic siphon hose attached to a piece of hard plastic tubing (a racking cane), a piece of hard plastic tubing molded into an "S" shape (an air lock), a little device that either looks like a tiny plunger or two pieces of plastic, one of which fits over the other (a corker), a device that looks like a giant glass thermometer (a hydrometer), a bottle brush, a package of

"sanitizer," and a bag of corks. Oh, you'll also get a little booklet that will give you helpful advice on brewing grape wines. I've found these booklets are generally good, but tend to go into more work than is necessary for mead.

The kit will run around \$30-\$50, and the individual items about a third more than that if you buy them separately. If you are buying them separately, you don't really need the hydrometer and you can use household bleach instead of the sanitizer. The yeast and chemicals will run you another \$10, and the honey another \$20. I recommend looking at a health food store, where you can often get higher quality all-natural honey in different varieties and larger quantities at prices much cheaper than at the supermarket. Most beer and winemaking stores will be happy to sell you bottles, but I recommend asking at a local restaurant as they are usually eager to get rid of a few. You can't reuse corks. This is all you need. Your bill for making your first 5 gallons will be about \$80, and will make 20 or so bottles. So, the cost for home-brewed mead is around \$4/bottle for the first batch, and \$1.50 thereafter.

Making mead is easy. First find a good quality pot that will hold 2-5 gallons. It should be either stainless steel or ceramic coated (a "corn" or "lobster" pot is usually a good bet). Rinse it out either with the sanitizer (following the directions on the package) or with a 10% bleach solution. This is to sterilize it. Everything you use must be completely sterile, including any spoons or siphons or anything else that comes in contact with the mead including your hands. Of course, after sterilizing everything rinse the bleach in hot water until you can't smell it, and then rinse it a bit more for good measure. The reason for sterilizing is that yeasts naturally present in air can contaminate your mead, and unlike the helpful yeasts mentioned above, most airborne yeast excrete vinegar rather than alcohol.

Dissolve the honey in water, and bring it to a boil, adding the acid mix and yeast energizer. If your pot will fit all 5 gallons of water, that's great. Otherwise just put in enough water to dissolve the honey. Bring the mix to the boiling point, and skim off the "scum" that floats to the surface. If you wish to add fruit, like a handful of berries or apple slices, do this now and cook until they are soft and/or dissolved and then strain them out. If you don't want to go through this, jelly makes an easily dissolved additive. If you do decide to add fruit, make allowances for the qualities of the fruit.

If you are adding something tart or acidic like strawberries or raspberries, reduce the amount of acid mix you add to the brew.

Once you've brought the mix to a boil or boiled down the fruit, pour the mixture into your large vat--which you have sterilized with bleach mix and rinsed while you were waiting for the mead to heat up. (Most books recommend siphoning it into the primary fermenter (the large plastic vat), so I suppose I should as well, but to be honest I've always poured it. At the boiling point, there's only so much that can contaminate the mixture.) If the pot you boiled the honey and water mixture wouldn't hold enough water, add the remainder to the fermenter now. If you aren't going to be able to boil all the water, which will cause most of the trapped gasses to escape, you will probably want to use bottled water.

Put on the cover and let the mixture cool to room temperature. If it is hot, it will kill the yeast. Once it's cool, mix the yeast with a cup of water in a small bowl and let it get rehydrated for 10-20 minutes, then open the primary fermenter, and add the yeast. This is called "pitching" the yeast. Close the fermenter, and put on the airlock.

The airlock is a nifty little piece of hard plastic tubing, bent into an "S" shape--looking and acting a lot like the drain pipe under the sink. You put some water in it (about 1/2 an inch on each side of the "S"), and the escaping gasses from the fermentation will push their way through the water in the airlock. This allows the pressure to escape, but leaves the fermenter sealed so nothing can get in from the outside. (You'll understand it when you see

one.) In anytime from a day to a week from when you put the cover and airlock on, gasses will begin to bubble out of the airlock showing you that the mead is fermenting. All the books tell you this will start within a day, but sometimes it takes a little longer. If it doesn't start in a week, consider throwing in another packet of yeast and a teaspoon of yeast energizer. You might also see if the room you have placed your fermenter in is too cold. (Cement floors in basements radiate a lot of cold and will slow your fermentation to a crawl, even if the room is heated.) I've had best results with the fermenter between 65-75°.

You might also take some care not to put the fermenter on a carpet. Sometimes the fermentation will go berserk and foam will ooze out of the airlock during the first week. Usually this only happens with beer, but it can be a mess, so the fermenter should probably stay in the kitchen.

In one to three months, you will see the fermentation slow to a stop or near stop. This happens either because the yeast has converted all the sugar to alcohol, or, more likely, there is a sufficient amount of alcohol to kill the yeast (how did this stuff ever evolve?). This is another reason for using champagne yeast--it is tolerant of higher levels of alcohol, so you will get a much stronger brew.

You then need to bottle your mead. Soak the corks in water for at least an hour if not a day before you bottle, to get them soft and pliable. Sterilize the bottles, and the racking cane and tubing. The racking cane is a siphon device with the intake about a 1/2 inch above the bottom level, so you don't get any of the yeast sludge into the bottles. The sludge is pretty disgusting looking and tastes twice as bad. You want to make sure not to disturb it. This means not swishing around the racking cane. It's also helpful to put the primary fermenter up on the table a few hours before you are going to bottle, so any sludge disturbed will have time to settle. One more thing--always siphon, never pour the mead, and sterilize the siphon and racking cane.

Finally, you need to cork the bottles. Most kits come with one of two types of corking devices. Both push the cork through a narrowing passage that compresses it, so it will fit into the bottle neck and then expand, forming a seal. The first is a plunger style device, with a hole in the side. You put the cork in, and place the whole device over the bottle, and then push down on the plunger and the cork slides into the bottle. The second type of corker (and the one I prefer) consists of two pieces of plastic. One is hollow, and you place the cork inside of it. You then fit the second piece, over the first. It has a stopper inside which pushes the cork down through the hollow piece, into the neck of the bottle. I find this latter type a bit more stable. I was always tipping over bottles with the plunger type, this doesn't seem to happen with the two piece one. Very occasionally you'll get corks that simply won't go in. This is usually due to a knot hidden in the middle of the cork. It usually means chipping the cork out of the corker with a knife or pushing it back the way it came.

We've found the bottling works best in teams of three, one holding the top of the racking cane in the fermenter (and avoiding the yeast sludge), a second at the bottom of the siphon filling the bottles, and a third person corking the full bottles. When we get down to the part with the sludge, we usually put that in a separate bottle and drink it as soon as it's marginally clear to "test" the mead. It will probably taste horrid, but this will change with age. If it's vinegar, start buying salad oil because there's not a lot more you can do other than make dressing.

Once corked, set aside to age until the mead clears. It's best to age it from four to six months, but at least give it time to clear. During this time you can get occasional problems. Primarily, if fermentation hasn't entirely stopped, it will continue in the bottle. This is how you get the pressure in champagne and sparkling wines and it can make a wonderful sparkling mead. The problem is that champagne bottles are designed to hold high pressure, and the cork is a special type "locked" on with a metal cage. If you get too much pressure, the corks will pop out of the bottles usually

spraying mead all over the place (this happened to us when a heat wave started the fermentation again and increased the pressure). There's no real remedy for this, it's part of the fun and actually quite rare. If the bottles you open seem to be sparkling, then beware of this and store your mead someplace cool and uncarpeted. If they aren't sparkling I wouldn't worry about it. Look on the bright side, the crown caps on beer bottles don't pop off, so when the pressure gets too high, the bottle explodes. Drink and enjoy.

Basic mead recipe:

12 pounds of honey

10 t acid mixture

5 t yeast energizer

1 package champagne yeast

Dissolve honey in water. Bring to a boil. Add acid mix and yeast energizer. Pour into fermenter. Allow to cool. Pitch and add yeast.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

A Book of Troth by Edred Thorsson (Not a book without imperfections, but presents the basic rituals of Asatru).

Myth and Religion of the North, E.O.G. Turville-Petre (Excellent academic introduction to Norse mythology.)

The Norse Myths, Kevin Crossley Holland (basic mythology in modern language and retelling, excellent for readings or meditation)

Our Troth by The Ring of Troth & Friends of the Troth. (A huge volume of Norse rituals and belief compiled by The Ring of Troth from its members and associates. Highly Recommended. \$17 postpaid for Ring of Troth members, \$25 for non-members.)

The Poetic Edda, Lee Hollander translation (basic mythology in an excellently translated poetic version.)

The Prose Edda, Jean Young translation (basic mythology)

Rhinegold, Stephan Grundy. (Novel retelling the Volsung Saga, written from a modern Asatru Viewpoint. Gives an excellent picture of ancient Germanic life and religion.)

The Road To Hel, and any other works by H.R. Ellis-Davison (All her works are excellent introductions to Norse myth and world-view)

Teutonic Religion, Kveldulfr Gundarsson (basic text on modern Germanic Paganism.)



The traditional Lappish sigils for the days of the week, derived from Dano-Norse runes.

THE GOSPELS EXPOSED

By Dean J. Adams

Is the story of Jesus historical fact?

Should the accounts in the four gospels be taken literally? For many it is thought to be devilish blasphemy to ask such questions. For to question the Holy Bible, the Divine Word of God, is tantamount to questioning Jehovah as supreme authority. But would it not honor this Jehovah character, this God of both the Jews and the Christians, if his servants, before accepting his emanating holiness as their God, used their intelligence, as they claim He saw fit to endow them with, to first become intellectually conscious of His so-called truths — thus having intellectual recognition that His teachings are true — than to ignorantly and blindly accept for truth the so-called Divine Word as written by those fallible hands of its scribes? Questions are thoughts that arise from provoked intelligence. It is ignorance and passive acceptance that stagnates would-be intelligence, and numbs the mind. If it is devilish blasphemy to incite and use one's intelligence as the apparatus in the quest for truth, whether the truth be discovered: in the Holy Bible or Darwin's theory of evolution, or what have you, then let the Holy Ones accuse the devil for taking possession of the Godly intelligence that guided the hands that wrote the numerous inconsistencies, incompatibilities, and contradictions that plague the scriptures — to say nothing of its "borrowed material"

The answer to the question of whether the accounts in the four gospels should be taken literally is "No!" Nor should the story of Jesus be considered historical fact. This leaves the inevitable question: If it did not really happen as described in the Gospels, then what did happen? With little uncertainty, scholars have already shown that the Gospels are essentially Jewish books, written by Jewish authors for early (Jewish) Christians who were still worshipping in the synagogue. As the bible scholar, Michael Goulder, points out: Most of what is written in the Gospels involves references to the various festivals following the Jewish liturgical calendar. Indeed, this is true. Mr. Goulder's book makes this point clear enough. But what about the fascinating story of Jesus? Are the gospels the literal accounts of the life and death of Christ? The encyclopedia of early Christianity states: "The life of Jesus is difficult to construct, because the four Gospels are not biographies, but rather documents of faith." Eloquently written, if I may say so myself, but what should have been written is: The Gospels are Jewish attempts to interpret in a Jewish way, the life and death of a Jewish man in whom the transcendence of "God" was believed to have been made manifest. The reason being is that these interpretations were not exact descriptions of what happened historically, or what Jesus actually said or did.

In the book "Liberating the Gospels" by Bishop John Spong, it explains the accounts of Jesus, the things he supposedly did and said, as embellishments of retold stories of old Jewish tribal heroes. But not, of course, without divine rationale. According to Bishop Spong: "...the stories about heroes of the Jewish past were heightened and retold, again and again, about heroes of the present moment; not because those same events actually occurred, but because the reality of God revealed in those moments was like the reality of God known in the past." Putting aside Bishop Spong's rationalization for the Gospel's plagiarism, we see hints that the importance of Jesus was described by first-century Jews according to the midrashic principle, and following the liturgical year. He

makes clear that the Jewish scribes who wrote the Gospels saw Jesus as an expression of God, and in an attempt to heighten his divinity and power, retold older stories of other Jewish heroes attributing them to the embellished Christ.

This can easily be confirmed by studying the first five books of the Hebrew bible (the Torah) in contrast to the four Gospels. For instance, the Book of Luke is supposed to be the story of Jesus against the Torah, one can discover Torah readings of Genesis in his birth narrative. In Zechariah and Elisabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, we find echoes of Abraham and Sarah. Both sets of parents were called Righteous (Gen. 26:5, Luke 1:6). Both Sarah and Elisabeth were barren (Gen. 11:30, Luke 1:7). Both were advanced in age (Gen. 18:11, Luke 1:7). In both stories the angelic annunciation came to a disbelieving father (Gen. 18:11-13, Luke 1:11). Both fathers were assured nothing was impossible with God (Gen. 18:14, Luke 1:37).

The cry from the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" mentioned only in Mark and in Matthew, comes straight out of Psalms 22:1. This cry to God was probably omitted in the later Gospels of Luke and John, because it was thought to violate the enhanced divine status that increasingly was being attributed to Jesus in that period of time. Psalms 22:7, 15, 16, 17 and 18 and Psalms 69:21 provide much more of the material for the crucifixion scene, including the mocking, the vinegar given Jesus to drink, the dividing of the garments, and the casting of lots. Another source for the crucifixion events came from Isaiah's so-called suffering servant (Is. 53:3-6).

There are too many examples to list in this short essay, but enough is said to call into question the literal reading of the Gospels, and all "faiths" based on the presumption. The literal view of the Gospels has become, as this study shows, untenable in the light of that blasphemous thing called intelligence. Seek, and ye shall find!

THE TRUE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN

By Dean J. Adams

For many people it is difficult to speak negatively in public of the Christian church and its doctrine, the Holy Bible. Nearly everyone, at some time in their lives, has or have had family members, relatives, and in some instances even friends, who consider themselves to be Christians; modeling their lives, to the best of their ability, to the Holy scriptures and church dogma, that one hesitates to say a word that would seem to be unsympathetic to the aspirations of their souls. But the occultist knows the only magnetism between the spirit of sympathy and the forces of untruth is repulsion. There is no affinity between them; no harmony begetting greater things. The dogma of the Christian church is but corrupt distortions of Heathen philosophy, and its authoritative doctrine, the Jewish and Christian scriptures, but fictitious, semi-historical, black-hearted books of contradictions and lies, compiled by the diabolical initiates of the one true synagogue of Satan in the fifth century, our era. This synagogue of Satan has cleverly disguised itself under the appellation of The Church of the One and Holy God. Somewhere I have read: You cannot heal the woes of a man's heart by lying to him—not for long. More truth and sympathy lay in this quote than ever shown or offered throughout history by the Church to its incalculable number of unfortunate victims.... the men and women, even infant children (to say nothing of horses) who were accused of witchcraft and were burned on the stake—alter to the androgynous, multi-polarized, anthropomorphic, Jewish tribal deity, Jehovah. Millions of innocent people have had their lives brutally cut short by the culture-destroying,

blood splattering, two-thousand year killing rampage of the Holy Church since its founder, Jesus, "the man born of the seed of a man" (codex Nazarenaeus), uttered the words Love thine enemy. This injunction, spoken by the alleged Son of God, is less ignored by St. Augustine when he, after his baptism, wrote "...thy enemies (Pagans) therefore I hate vehemently; oh, that thou would slay them with thy two-edged sword, that they might no longer be enemies to it (the Holy Word): For so do I love to have them slain" than is it ignored by the Christian church and its adherents today. On an otherwise pleasant Sunday morning, one cannot flip through the program channels on the television set without being bombarded with sharp words of hatred, setting in motion curses of eternal damnation for Satan, heathens, and their gods, coming from the mouth of damnation itself—the televangelist. Apparently, in their great haste for power, authority, and material riches, the million-aire televangelists have forgotten their scriptural verses that state: "Thou shalt not revile the (pagan) Gods" (Ex.22:28): Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and SPEAK EVIL OF DIGNITIES (the devils). Yet the archangel Michael, when contending with the devil, disputed about the body of Moses, did not bring against him a railing accusation, but said The Lord rebuke thee (Jude 1:8-10): "but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government, presumptuous are they; self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of Dignities, whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusations against them before the Lord, but these....speak evil of things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption" (Second Peter 2:10-12). Evidently, angels, whom are allegedly greater than men, haven the divine authority to curse and castigate devils, yet the bible preachers, self-willed and presumptuous, point their fingers at the devils and their human representatives cursing them to eternal punishment. The hypocritical and contradictions lives the bible-thumpers lead is, in fact, in total accordance with scripture. For in the books of the bible, one finds a plague of contradictions running throughout their pages. Like begets like. From the Holy books of contradictions is born the contradictions church of the One and Holy God. "But the Holy Bible is the inspired word of God, imparted to man by God: Therefore the Word of God(Holy Bible) is perfect," avows the Christian. "You cannot judge the bible's perfection by the imperfection of its human representatives", the same declares. Fair enough.

The Word of God is perfect. The bible is without blemish. Such statements make one wonder if Christians study the bible at all. And if they do, clearly not with an intelligent, unbiased, attentive mind. Let's cut to the chase: Christians cannot rationalize the plague of contradiction innate to the scriptures for the minds of anyone but their own. They ask that I not judge their infallible doctrine by the imperfections of its human adherents. Then I shan't. I shall judge the doctrine itself—as well as church dogma. As you will see, I will show that the bible is anything but divine revelation, and that the Christian church is really the synagogue of Satan. Hear ye, hear ye: It is asserted that the Torah (the first five books of the old testament) was written by the law-giving hand of Moses, yet the Torah includes the account of his own death. Chapters one and two of Genesis tell two separate, and different, creation tales that contradict each other point blank...which creation tale is inspired by God? Not both, surely! Which is forgery? Albeit contradictions in dead letter interpretation, these two creation tales were borrowed from the three much older creation tales taught in Babylon. In the book of Beginnings (Genesis), Moses writes of a city named Dan (Genesis 14:14): "...he (Abram) armed his trained ser-

vants...and pursued them (Abram's brother's captives)-unto Dan." In the book of Judges, referring to the city of Dan, it states: "...and they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan; their father...howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first" (Judges 18:29). How could this be so? The earliest appearance of anyone named Dan in the book of Beginnings is located in Genesis 30:6: "...therefore called she his name Dan. Dan was born well after the pursuit of Abram's brother's captives into the "city of Dan". It was the sons of Dan at a later date who changed the name of the city from Laish to Dan. One must conclude in light of this contradiction, either of two things—or both: Moses was an impersonation—an impostor, or that his books are counterfeit—pure forgeries. In either case, the books of Moses lose all claims to be considered divine revelation.

Moving through the scriptures, we come to a bit of information that, when compared to a verse in Exodus, will numb the mind of anyone holding to futile rationalizations for biblical contradictions of the most blatant sort. In Genesis 22:14 we read: Abraham called the name of that place (where he is to murder his son as an offering) JEHOVAH-JIREH, which means Jehovah-Sees, (Strong's comprehensive concordance). This must be a mistake; or perhaps the story is a lie? For we read in Exodus that "...Abraham knew God not by the name Jehovah." "...and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty, but by my name of Jehovah was not known to them" (Exodus 6:3). Which is divine revelation? Both cannot be the direct word of God unless, however, we were to wipe from Jehovah's being (like the giants in Genesis 6:4 by the flood, as died every living thing that wasn't in the Ark.. Oh, how mysteriously these giants reappear in the old testament; see Numbers 13:31-33, Deuteronomy 3:11, etc.) (Halve—meaning to divide) half his love, and (halve) half his divinity; replace them with the attributes generally given to devils, and we would then amend this contradiction. Asserting that it is the work of Jehovah's evil, deceptive side (which is) creating these discrepancies, (then) we could call this dark side of Jehovah (by) the name Satan. How else smooth out such rough and sharp contradictions in the Word of God? Oh how the foundation of the Holy Church quakes with rage to the thought of such an assertion. Is their God multi-polarized? We already know he's androgynous; hence, Binah-Jehovah, the third Sephiroth on the Kabbalah tree of life. Is God the Satan we all have heard of? The evil, tempting deity affectionately called Jehovah?

There is no two ways around it. For nearly two thousand years the Holy Church and its partisans have been worshiping the devil. Albeit, some of them unknowingly. Jehovah and Satan are biblically identical, and the authors of the books comprising the Holy Bible were aware of it. For we read in Second Samuel 24:1 "...And again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say go, number Israel and Judah. The same story is repeated in First Chronicles 21:1, with an important difference: And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel." In the first tale, Jehovah ("Lord": Strong's comprehensive concordance) is responsible for putting the idea of a census into David's mind; but the second tale indicates Satan as putting the idea to David. This is because Jehovah and Satan are the same. Still clearer this fact when we read in Isaiah: "I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things" (Isaiah 45:7). And should we forget this—Amos 3:6 is there as a reminder—"Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?" In Ecclesiasticus 21:30 we are instructed not to curse Satan "lest one should forfeit his own life". The disciples, in their prayer to God (Satan),

ask that the Lord not tempt them (Matt 6:13). There are numerous Old Testament verses alluding to the fact that Satan is the alter-ego of Jehovah. It is no wonder we are instructed never to speak evil or badly of devils, lest we offend the most vindictive and hateful God to have ever been conceived in the thoughts of man in all human history: Jehovah - Satan!

Nonetheless, if Satan is permitted to exist in objective reality either as a personage of an ultimately evil deity (devil), or the shadowed, dark side of God, if he (this Satan we are informed so much about) is allowed to exist separate to, and independent of, the will and being of Jehovah (whom the church asserts with "pre-eminent authority" is the one and only infinite, absolute, boundless god), then a most upsetting disorder in dogma is present. (For) the infinite, absolute boundlessness (which is beyond human comprehension, and that which cannot be understood cannot be personalized) cannot be divided into comparable separates existing independently of each other. Lest we endeavor to erroneously limitation to the infinite (which would be a contradiction in terms), that which is infinite and unconditioned has no form, therefore it cannot have division, nor limitation. Such is the infinite absolute. This is not the case with Jehovah. Hence he has an image/form (Gen. 1:26), and more significantly, he has an opposition having comparable power; a perpetual enemy. If Jehovah is the infinite all-father, then logic maintains he most assuredly is also Satan on the manifested planes.

There can be but one truth. Truth must imitate a flawless continuum. Truth has no opposites, and can be no more dual than is absoluteness itself. The Holy Bible is plagued with contradictions, inconsistencies, and missing links that undoubtedly undermines the truth it pretends to undertake.

Many of the inconsistencies and contradictions inundating the scriptures are the unscrupulous results of later interpolations of early church fathers attempting to make divine their man-invented dogmas. But the Occult foundation on which the original texts of the bible canon was written is purely pagan. Borrowing from heathen philosophies, the texts, with the addition of Jewish names, and tribal heroes and legends, were written around a somewhat historical Israel. Even its dualism is borrowed from the Aryan philosophies of Persian Zoroastrianism.

Of these facts, the church of old was well familiar. The Dark Age, the war of religion and philosophy, was in actuality the Holy Church bent on the suppression and eventual murder of the mother whose womb gave it birth. This certainty did not escape the master Kabalist Abbe Louis Constant, who once was deacon of a Roman Catholic church, for he writes: "...all doctrines, and all revivals proscribe magic, and condemns its mysteries to the flames and to oblivion. The reason is that each religion...which comes into the world is a benjamin of humanity and insures its own life by destroying its mother".

The intent of this article is to plant a seed of truth into the minds of truth-seekers in regard to the mendacious authority of the Christian Church and its fallacious dogmas. It is my hope that once the western mind has fully absorbed into its collective unconscious complete realization of the false and contradictions nature innate to the Church and its doctrine, it will once and for all release itself from the inimical influence corrupting our psyches. This can only be helped by exposing the Church of the One and Holy God as the true Synagogue of Satan.

"How pitiable are men in their ignorance, but how they would despise themselves if only they came to know."—Abbe Louis Constant

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Some Honest Talk (From Page 23)

This is why so many guys in the movement don't have families. A White family will build the community. They are only into destroying non-Whites. Everything which is good for building the White community just gets in their way of hating non-Whites.

People who are destroyers can't build anything. Builders build. Destroyers destroy. Destroyers within the movement can't build the movement, for they can only destroy it. This is their nature: destroy everything even themselves. You can tell a destroyer because they are even destroying their own lives. This movement has more watchers than destroyers and watchers are too lazy to even destroy. 90% of the people in the movement are beyond worthless; they are the major reason the racial movement is such a failure. 90% of the so called people in the so called movement are unfit to live.

These are a few things I have learned while buried deep in the bowel movement. No Aryan publication can survive on subscription sells allow. There are around 40,000 people trapped deep in the bowel movement in North America. Out of these 40,000 people there is only a pool of around 500 people who will PAY for a sub to any racial publication. All racial publications are fighting for these same 500 people's money. The same pool of people, generally speaking, who subscribe to the WAR newspaper, subscribed to Racial Loyalty, when Klassen was alive, get the National Alliance material, read Liberty Bell, etc. etc. The mailing lists of non-Christian racial groups share about 50% to 80% identical names with each other, while they share only around 10% to 40% of their names with Christian racial groups. The reverse of this is true with the Christian groups. Not even the largest racial publications have over 300 paid subscribers. There are about 50 hard core racial activists in North America, and a little over 100 semi-active people. There are about a 1,000 people who are active now and then. They may buy a CD or two, and send in a buck or two for a sample issue but they will never buy a sub. There are nearly 40,000 people who think they are activists, because they occasionally think "White thoughts" and they scream, "Hail Victory!" at beer bashes, picnics, and gatherings at the local pizzeria. "Hail Victory! and pass me a beer bro." If we get drunk enough, we can take over the world. If we drink enough rum, we'll create Aryan colonies on Mars!

All the major racial groups in North America work like this. There is one person who is the center. He does most of the work, and I do mean he, because the only American racial organization which was centered around a woman was the Odinist Fellowship. He funds the group, at least at first, from his own pocket. The major groups all have between one to six hard core "Beta" activists. Thirdly, they have about 20-40 semi-activists. Next they have around a 100 people who occasionally are active. Finally, there are 40,000 free loaders which belong to who ever is stupid enough to give them a free ride. This is the movement in a nut shell. The White racial movement is really nothing more than a straw man created by so called civil rights groups in order that they can collect money from freighted Jews and White liberals. The race "movement", today, is bigger than it has been since the 1930s, but it is still not big enough to be called a movement. It's more like a superficial shiver, than a movement. There is more movement in your constipated grand mother's butt than there is in the so called race movement!

The hard thing about trying to put out a publication in this so called movement is that there is no movement. The Left can just hook into their movement and watch their projects take off. We have no movement to hook into.

I remember when Greg Win-throw-up denounced the bowel
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The 24 Runic Half Months

The beginning of the runic time cycle is as follows:

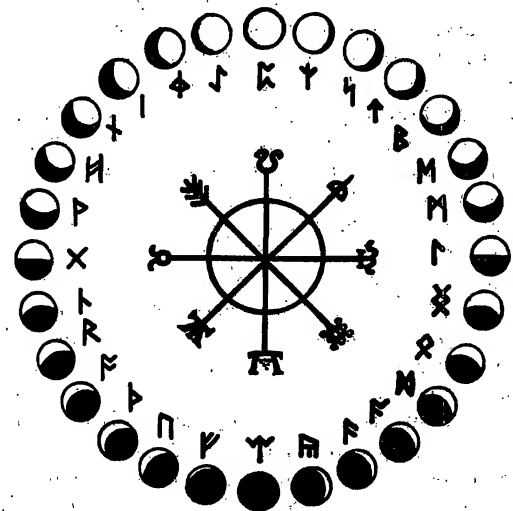
| Rune | Day | Hour | Rune | Day | Hour |
|-------|-----------|------|--------|----------|------|
| Feoh | 29 June | 0300 | Eoh | 28 Dec. | 1900 |
| Ur | 14 July | 0800 | Peorth | 13 Jan. | 0100 |
| Thorn | 29 July | 1400 | Elhaz | 28 Jan. | 0500 |
| As | 13 August | 1900 | Sigel | 12 Feb. | 1000 |
| Rad | 29 August | 0000 | Tyr | 27 Feb. | 1600 |
| Ken | 13 Sept. | 0600 | Beorc | 14 March | 2100 |
| Gyfu | 28 Sept. | 1100 | Ehwaz | 30 March | 0200 |
| Wyn | 13 Oct. | 1600 | Man | 14 April | 0700 |
| Hagal | 28 Oct. | 2200 | Lagu | 29 April | 1200 |
| Nyd | 13 Nov. | 0300 | Ing | 14 May | 1800 |
| Is | 28th Nov. | 0800 | Odal | 29 May | 2300 |
| Jera | 13 Dec. | 1400 | Dag | 14 June | 0400 |

The Runic Half months can be used in rituals and magic. The Runic Months begin in real time, not man made time. Day light savings can throw the charts off by an hour, and the sun, which determines real time, is unaware of man made time zones. The sun comes from the east and moves west, (actually, the sun isn't moving, it's the earth that's rotating, but it's easier to talk about the sun moving across the sky), therefore, sunrise, high noon, sun set, real time 8:00 a.m., real time 2:00 p.m., etc. happen first in the eastern side of a time zone and arrives last in the western side of the man made time zones. The best way to determine real time is to use a sun dial which has both the hour and the minutes marked. 12:00 p.m. is always the exact minute when the sun is directly over head. The hour when the Runic Half months begin are in military time. The Odal rune, for example, begins at 11 p.m. (2300) May 29th, and ends at 4 a.m. (0400) on June 14th. Remember 12 mid-night is both 0000 and 2400. However, 12:10 a.m. is 0010, not 2410.



RUNIC DAY TIDES.

Note the parallel between the runic day wheel and the yearly chart. Mid-Night-Mid-Winter are governed by Jera. Mid-Summer-Mid-Day by the Dag rune. Spring-Dawn by Beorc. Fall-Twilight by the Ken rune. The Winter and night as a whole are ruled by Isa. Day-Summer by Ken.



The wheel of the lunar cycle and its phases corresponding with the runes of the Anglo-Saxon Futhork. Note the God-goddess connection. The full moon is ruled by Peorth; the rune of sky Goddess Frigga and her three daughters the Norns or fates, while the new moon is ruled by Ear (earth-grave) the rune of Hel, Goddess of disease, death, and ruler of the underworld.

movement and joined the A.D.L., John Metzger took over the Aryan Youth Movement. Greg had around two dozen so called chapters. John tried to organize them and found out all of them were nothing but P.O. Boxes, and most were just one guy. Also, most of the so called "leaders" of A.Y.M. were also "leaders" of the local chapter of the National Alliance, the Aryan Nations, the C.O.T.C., etc. etc. And most of these leaders didn't lead anyone. The whole movement is like this. A bunch of b.s. The race movement is a paper tiger which can be knocked down by one really pissed off Girl's Scout Troop. There is more activism, loyalty, and sense of duty in one single Girl's Scout Troop on a month long cookie drive than there is in the entire American race movement in a year! This is no shit. Girl's Scouts are hard working people; White racialists, generally speaking, are lazy, good for nothing scum. I know one troop of 40 Girl Scouts can raise more money selling cookies on the street corner, than 40,000 White racists will donate in a month to any single racial organization. 40 Girl Scouts can sell 1,000s of dollars worth of cookies in a month. The donations a race group gets in a month is next to nothing. It cracks me up when freaks like Covington accuse race leaders of pocketing movement money. I know a lot about the major American racial groups' financial standing and none of them take in large amounts of money. Most of these groups don't have a pot to piss in. When I was with W.A.R., it always surprised me how little money W.A.R. was getting. Tom Metzger ran for the U.S. Congress and won the Democratic primary. He ran for the Senate and got 17% of the vote in California, the most liberal state in the U.S. He was on countless television shows, in newspapers, and magazines, but W.A.R. never got much financial support. The movement is a huge disappointment. The White race is dying, not because the Jews and other non-Aryans are killing us, but because the White race has grow unfit to survive. This is the truth, and if you are honest with yourself, you can admit this. Mother nature is never unfair. She gives life to those who are fit to live. White people are unsuited for existence. The White race is dying because most White people are unfit to live. Christianity loves the stupid, the lazy, and the weak. However, mother nature hates worthless beings. The history of evolution is the history of the survival of the fittest. The law of tooth and claw. The White race is in deep shit because it has broken the laws of nature. We can't save the White race by destroying the non-White races. If every non-Aryan disappeared from the face of the Earth today, we would still be faced with our real problem: the White race is unfit for survival. The only hope for the White race is we must focus on making our people better White women and men. This will be a immense task. Many White women seek black men because the average black man has more masculinity in his little finger than most White men have in their whole being. Should we hate black men because White men are boyish? Should we hate White women for picking a black stud over a White sissy boy? Or should we hate the typical White male for being such a Peter Pan? If White men were better men then White women wouldn't have to go outside the race to find a real man. The same is true with White women. Feminism has turned most White women butch. If White women were more feminine then fewer White men would be sending off for Asian mail order brides. If we focused on making better White women and men, race mixing would come to an end. Better White people would keep the laws of nature. Better White people would help our race survival. Attacking non-Aryan gives White people an excuse not to improve themselves. If the Jews are behind all the White races problems, then we don't need to empower and improve ourselves, just kill the Jews and everything will be fine

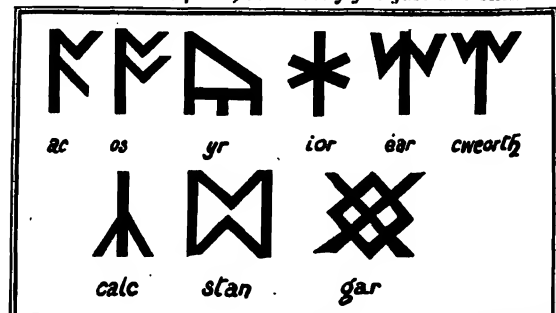
again. This type of think is what is wrong with the White racial movement. It is easier to hate an outsider than it is to radically improve our own character. However, we will never build a better Aryan community without first improving our own character. The average racist is too lazy to better themselves, so all you hear from the bowel movement is "Those Jews.... Those niggers... Those spics... Those whoever." No one talks about building better White people. No one wants to improve the White character. The decisive threat to our survival is the lack of self-betterment. You may think that the Aryan struggle is against non-Aryans. It's not. The war we wage is, always has been, and always will be against ourselves. If we deal effectively with ourselves, we will already have defeated our enemies. There is no way they can destroy us, except through our own failings. The non-Aryans fabricated Jesus Christ in order to enfeeble our Folk, so they could invade our homeland, and their scheme is highly successful. How else could they have invaded our land without even firing a shot, unless they first weakened our people? When our race was strong, we drove the Asiatic hordes from our land. Today many middle class White couples don't have children of their own, so they adopt Asian kids and give them all the benefits that 100,000 years of Aryan self-sacrifice created. Instead of fighting the invaders, we give them jobs which belong to our own child. Instead of paying for the education of poor Whites, affirmative action pays to send invaders to college. Jesus Christ teaches that self-love and pride are sins against God, while helping and loving one's enemies is a virtue. With this shit passing as spirituality is there any wonder our race is so screwed up?

Christianity is not the only failing of our people. Our entire Western civilization has created a society where weakness is a bi-product. To be a strong White person is to be a traitor to modern White society. The White race is killing the White race.

The so called Aryan movement sucks because it is a creation of THIS society. There is little which is Aryan about the Aryan movement. If it was more Aryan, we would be winning. It's as unAryan as anything else in this middle eastern society which is why it's a flop. It should be called the unAryan movement.

The bowel movement isn't a real movement. It is just a lonely hearts' club for single White males who want to meet other lonely White guys and party. The Left in the '60s and '70s had meetings which organized and distributed labor, and they changed America. The bowel movement has meetings which are nothing more than social gatherings, and we have lost America. The race movement is just a party scene for sexual disfunctional White males.

I want to keep Pagan Revival in the Phase Three, magazine, stage, but I can't afford to do it by myself. If you want to see Pagan Revival as a magazine, I need your help. I know many of you signed your S.S.I. checks over to the mental institution where you live, and you really have no money, but there are a few people in the bowel movement who aren't total losers. A very few. The problem with the bowel movement is you have to wade through a sea of human shit to find one pearl, but mostly you just find shit.



Early Pagan Evolutionism



ODINISM

Indo-European: Pagan\Heathen, Evolutionary
Idealism, Asatru or Odinnism

1. Mythology: Folkish, Pagan/Heathen, evolutionary myths
 - (a) Slavic
 - (b) Baltic-Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian
 - (c) Finnish
 - (d) Scandinavian, Norse, Viking, Runes
 - (e) Icelandic
 - (f) Teutonic\ Germanic, Gothic
 - (g) Hungarian
 - (h) Keltic-Irish, Scottish, Welsh; e.g. The Druids
 - (i) Mediterranean
2. Mysticism: Crypto-Aryan Heathen in the Asiatic Christian church, e.g. Amalrich of Bena, Meister Eckhart
3. Romanticism-Aryan Heathen resurgence
4. Nature Mysticism, e.g. John Richard Jefferies
5. Modern Evolutionary Philosophy, Nietzsche, C.S. Peirce, D.J.H. Ward, J.C. Smuts, G.R. Heard, E. W. Sinnott, E. Jantsch, R.B. Cattell
6. Modern Science-outgrowth of Pagan nature worship
 - (a) Darwin-survival of the fittest
 - (b) Mendelian classical genetics-eugenics
 - (c) Molecular Genetics-genetic engineering
 - (d) Bio-electronics- molecular, cellular, organismic, population



ZOROASTRIANISM

Persian\Iranian\European

1. Zoroastrianism
 - (a) Zend Avesta (The text in the Avesta language)
 - 1) Yasna
Gathas-17 of 72 by Zarathushtra
Two mantric prayers
Non-Gathic-solar calendar
Remainder- Aryan hymns
 - 2) Visperad - seasonal hymns
 - 3) Yashts - ancient Aryan lore
 - 4) Vendidad or Vidaevdada -
Later, 3rd c. C.E.
 - 5) Khordeh Avesta- common prayers
 - 6) Herpetestan and Nirangistan
 - 7) Miscellaneous-fragments
 - b) Pahlavi Texts-6th c. C.E.
 - c) Middle Persian Era-7th-10th c. C.E.
 - d) Ninth century C.E. - numerous books, e.g. Denkard
 - e) Post 9th c.- Sanskrit translations, Rivayets, Monajata
 - f) Modern era-19-21st centuries C. E.
- 2 Mithraism-modified Zoroastrianism
 - Heraklitus-500 B.C.E.
 - Plotinus-205-278 C.E.
 - Pseudo-Dionysius 5th c. C.E.
 - John Scotus Erigena-9th c. C.E. ,
trans P.-Dionysius
 - Symeon of Studion-949-1022 C.E.



VEDISM

Aryan Indian

1. Ancient Aryan Indian
 - a) Vedas: Rig-, Sama-, Yajur-, Atharva Veda-Evolutionary myths.
 - b) Brahmanas
 - c) Aranyakas -Forest Treatises
 - d) Upanishads
 - e) Sutras
 - f) Shastras-e.g., Code of Manu
 - g) Ramayana
 - h) Bhagavad Gita
2. Aryan Tantrism- especially "Left Handed." Not later Hindu and Buddhist pseudo-Tantrisms.
3. Modern Vedic Purism
 - a) Virajinanda Sarasvati (1779-1868)- Mentor of Dayananda Sarasvati
 - b) Dayananda Sarasvati (1824-1883)- interpreted Vedas as evolutionary myths, founded Arya Samaj
 - c) B.G. Tilak (1856-1920)- wrote Gita Rahasya
 - d) Aurobindo (1872-1950)-The Secret of Vedas
 - e) J. Miller-The Vision of Cosmic Order in the Vedas, London, 1985
 - f) D. Frawley- The Wisdom of the Ancient Seers, 1993



MODERN PAGAN EVOLUTIONISM



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